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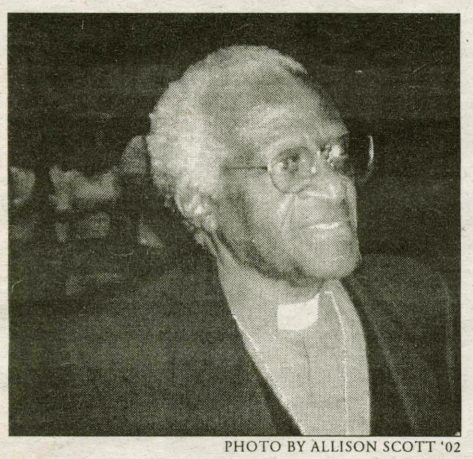
And reflect it from the mountain
so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan



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Sacerdote Great Names brings Tutu to Hill

Over 4,000 attend lecture: peace and forgiveness prominent themes

PHOTO BY ALLISON SCOTT '02

By Joe Livingston '02
NEWS WRITER

Archbishop Desmond Tutu lectured Tuesday evening in the Margaret Bundy Scott Fieldhouse as the latest speaker in the Sacerdote Great Names series. Among the crowd of a few thousand were students of Hamilton College, professors, faculty, community members, prospective students for Hamilton's class of 2004 and hundreds of area students who were bussed in for the event.

Desmond Tutu is a South African archbishop of the Anglican faith. The 1985 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, Tutu is most noted for his work in the struggle against the evils of apartheid. He chaired the Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TNC) that granted amnesty for those who confessed their crimes committed during apartheid. Tutu gained much notoriety serving on the South African Council of Churches (SACC) as the general secretary from 1978-1985.

The evening began as the audience anxiously anticipated the entrance of Desmond Tutu. Eventually the lights went dim, and Tutu entered the venue, accompanied by the President of Hamilton College, Eugene Tobin, and other special guests who had just arrived from a dinner in Tutu's honor at Tobin's house. Tutu wore clothing befitting his role as a minister in the Anglican faith, with a black overcoat, a bright purple shirt, and a large cross hanging over his chest.

President Tobin greeted Tutu with warm words of welcome and introduction to the Hamilton community. President Tobin described Tutu as an individual who "helped significantly to bring a non-violent end to Apartheid." Tobin praised the leadership role of Tutu and remarked with passion that "we yearn for leaders who will speak out about the simple question of what is right or wrong." Tutu was then called to deliver his lecture before a loud applause filled with anticipation of whether he could publicly share the depths of why he was the poignant leader Tobin had declared him.

Tutu rose to the podium and in a soft spoken and deeply sympathetic voice began his speech. He first wished the audience "good evening" and then made a short quip at the low volume and enthusiasm that the audience had. This immediately established a closer rapport between the audience members and the speaker. Tutu then proceeded to state the focus of the speech.

He began by explaining the significance of the widespread interest in the Truth and Reconciliation Committee of which he was in charge. Tutu noted that "we have been approached by governments who think there might just be something they can learn from what happened in South Africa."

In noting this achievement, Tutu declared the depth of irony in this statement, uttered only a few years after the country was viewed with disdain internationally. There existed such contempt for the human rights violations and violent racism committed during Apartheid to the extent that "we (South Africa) could not by any standard have thought to be a virtuous nation.".

"South Africa, that crazy country" Tutu declared, "Who could have ever imagined that South Africa could be looked on as a paradigm?" It is this new attraction to the uniqueness of the TLC that found Tutu noting, "God actually does have a sense of humor."

Above left: Tutu approaches the podium in the Field House.

Above right: Tutu talks with students and faculty in the Dwight Lounge.

Tutu went on to paint the bleak picture that was the landscape of apartheid. It was an era filled with "public policy that made it possible for gross violations of human rights to happen with impunity," policies that were based on "arbitrary biological attributes."

He highlighted a scenario of burning humans side-by-side their captors who simultaneously rejoiced in the moment as they used the fire for another purpose – to cook

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PHOTO BY BILL PIONTEK '02

Contrast is the theme at Hamilton. What will the weather bring next? Snow.

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Internationally Regarded Middle East Scholar Lectures on his Childhood in Israel

By Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS EDITOR

Former Civilian Governor of the Israeli West Bank, Dr. Menahem Milson, gave two public lectures on campus Wednesday. In his role as Civilian Governor, Dr. Milson served under Prime Minister Menahem Begin, who was Anwar Sadat's aide-de-camp when he traveled to Jerusalem in 1977 in a historic attempt to initiate the peace process between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

Milson is currently Provost of the Hebrew University Rothberg School of International Studies, after serving as Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

An outstanding Arabist, Milson is an internationally renowned scholar on the Middle East conflict. He has had fellowships at the Woodrow Wilson Center, the Hoover Center, and Cambridge University.

In addition, Milson serves as an interpreter of Arabic literature. He is Egyptian novelist Maguib Mahfouz's translator into Hebrew, and just published a study of Mahfouz's novels.

His first talk, entitled "Feminist Themes in the Novels of Nobel Laureate Naguib Mahfouz," explored the pursuit of better conditions for women in Egypt. His discussion focused on "oblique and metaphysical ways of transcending the patriarchal society" in Egypt, according to Associate Professor of Religious Studies Heidi Ravven.

At his next lecture, "History, Politics, and Cultural Identity from a Personal Perspective: Growing up in Israel," Milson reflected on growing up in Israel and recounted the historical events as they unfolded, including the Holocaust, the closing of Israel to the British, and the redefinition of Jewish Identity.

"He gave a detailed vision of childhood life in Israel," commented Matt Olney'01.

Ravven described his personal reflection as "particularly moving," as Milson spoke about the experience of growing up in a particularly turbulent era in Israel.

Of particular interest was Milson's discussion of "the defense against the identity of destruction of European Jewery" and the fact that the Israeli people are "intent on saving Jews and making it possible for another Holocaust not to happen again," noted Professor Ravven.

Author Bernard Kalb named Linowitz Professor

FROM STAFF FEPORTS

Bernard Kalb, journalist, author and co-host of the weekly CNN program "Reliable Sources," which turns a critical lens on the media, will join the Hamilton College faculty this fall as Sol M. Linowitz Visiting Professor of International Affairs.

The Sol M. Linowitz Visiting Professor of International Affairs was established in 1986. It is named in honor of a 1935 Hamilton graduate who served as ambassador to the Organization of American States, chairman of the board of Xerox and co-negotiator of the Panama Canal Treaties. He was also President Jimmy Carter's representative in the Middle East negotiations from 1979 to 1981. The holder of the Linowitz chair teaches an upper-level seminar course while at Hamilton.

Kalb has traveled the globe for more than three decades as a correspondent covering world affairs for CBS News, NBC News and *The New York Times*. He has also served as Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs and as State Department spokesman for two years, until his resignation in October 1986 to protest a "disinformation program" by the Reagan administration, as reported in *The Washington Post*.

Kalb travels widely as a lecturer and moderator, at home and abroad, on subjects ranging from the media to U.S. foreign policy. In 1995 he visited Saigon for a review of media military relations 20 years after the end of the Vietnam War. He has been a juror for several years on DuPont-Columbia School of Journalism's annual conference on the state of the media.

Over the years he has been an eyewitness to prime time history. As State Department spokesman, he accompanied the U.S. delegation when President Reagan held his first summit with Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva in 1985. As a television correspondent, he covered President Nixon on his opening trip to China in 1972 and reported on presidents and secretaries of state dating back to Nixon and Kissinger on global diplomatic journeys. He spent 15 years as a foreign correspondent based in Indonesia, Hong Kong, Paris, and Saigon.

Kalb is the media consultant on the Anti-Incitement Committee established by the U.S.-sponsored 1998 Wye River Agreement to help promote peace between Israelis and Palestinians. He has had fellowships at the Freedom Forum Media Studies Center at Columbia University, the Council on Foreign Relations, NY, and received the Overseas Press Club Award for the CBS documentary "VietCong" based on years of reporting on the war in Viet Nam. With his brother, Marvin Kalb, he is co-author of *Kissinger*, a selection of the Book of the Month Club, and of *The Last Ambassador*, a novel about the collapse of Saigon in 1975. He has written articles for *The New York Times Magazine*, *Esquire*, *Smithsonian* and *Newsweek*.

Hamilton students participate in fast to close SOA

By Megan Kearney '00 & Sarah Winne '00

SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

A group of Hamilton students and faculty will participate in a fast this month as part of a peaceful protest to close the School of the Americas, a military training school in Ft.Benning, Georgia. The School of the Americas, known informally by its critics as the School of the Assassins, is funded by U.S. tax dollars and has been subject to growing controversy over the last few years.

Located at Ft.Benning since 1984, the stated purpose of the school is to "provide a military education and training to military personnel of Central America, South America, and Caribbean countries." Every year approximately 1,000-2,000 soldiers from Latin America graduate from the SOA at a cost of over 20 million dollars.

In recent years, protest against the school has increased dramatically due to SOA graduates' involvement in numerous human rights' violations in Latin American countries. The Pentagon even admitted in 1992 that torture, blackmail, and assassination were military tactics taught at the SOA.

One of the most notorious atrocities committed by SOA graduates was the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero during a mass in El Salvador. Two of the three military officers convicted of the assassination were SOA graduates. In addition, nineteen of the 26 soldiers convicted of the murder of six Jesuit priests and two women killed at the priests' residence in El Salvador were SOA graduates. In general, SOA graduates are responsible for hundreds of incidences like these in Latin America.

In November, 1999 seven Hamilton students, Peter Brunette '02, Allison Hind '03, Milagros Ramirez '02, Wendy Morales '00, Sarah Winne '00, Megan Kearney '00, and Emily Roynestad '00, joined peaceful protesters gathered at Ft. Benning in an effort to close the SOA. Since 1994 when protesters first gathered at the base, the number of participants has increased tremendously from 13 to 12,000.

The seven students risked imprisonment along with 4,400 others by crossing the line into the Ft. Benning military base in a solemn procession in remembrance of the thousands who have died at the hands of SOA graduates.

Marchers, led by protesters carrying coffins, each carried a cross bearing the name and age of a victim. Ten of the protesters were charged with criminal tresspass and face possible imprisonment for six months.

Protest activities continue, including this month's Fast 2000, in an effort to increase the pressure to close the school. Thousands of people around the country are expected to participate in Fast 2000, a two-week-long fast running from April 6-19. Hamilton students and faculty,

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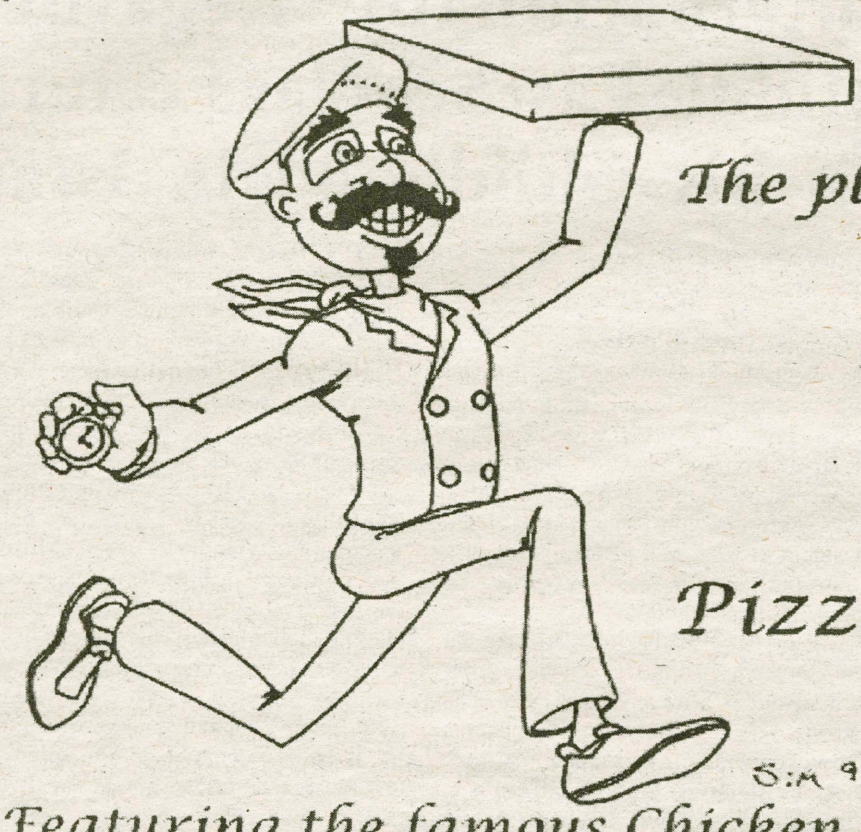

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

John Carroll student dies at Kent State U. frat party

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio -- Autopsy results Monday on a John Carroll University freshman shed no light on what caused the 19-year-old to collapse and die at a Kent State Delta Upsilon rave party over the weekend.

Jared R. Chrzanowski, of Willoughby, was pronounced dead at Robinson Memorial Hospital at 4:28 a.m. Sunday, Kent police said. Paramedics were called at 3:43 a.m. and responded to the fraternity house at 202 S. Lincoln St. after members found Chrzanowski unconscious and unresponsive in a second-floor bedroom.

"Right now all we have is a 19-year-old white male that died unexpectedly from unknown causes," said Wayne Enders, an administrator at the Portage County Coroner's Office.

"We will be able to say nothing definitively until we get back the toxicology and microscopic tissue exam. That could be up to three weeks away."

Lt. Ray Stein of the Kent City Police Department said there were no signs that Chrzanowski had been in a fight, and there was no evidence of drug use in the fraternity house. Delta Upsilon President Mike Pfahl said it is his fraternity's strict rules that keep illegal substances out.

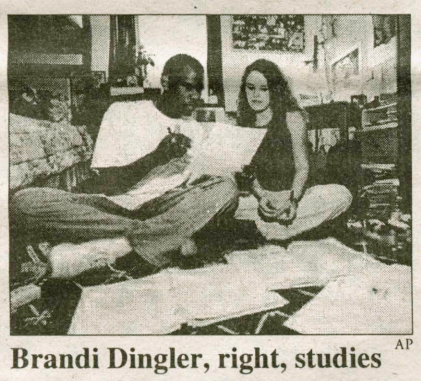
"I'm the president," he said. "If they have something, I tell them to get the hell out.

"We have the best risk management on campus. That's why a lot of people don't come to our parties."

Poor Georgians have HOPE

GREENSBORO, Ga. (AP) — When Beatrice Thompson earned her GED last spring, the state of Georgia sent her a $500 voucher for college. She tore open the mail and cried, right there outside the rundown trailer she shares with her husband, children and their children.

For nearly a quarter of a century, Thompson worked at dead-end factory jobs. That life was no life, she says: ``Your mind is just wasting away." At 43, she is now studying to become a licensed practical nurse.



AP

Brandi Dingler, right, studies on the University of Georgia campus with fellow sophomore Desmond Jennings in Athens, Ga., on March 1.

Since 1993, Georgia has given students like Thompson nearly a billion dollars in scholarships simply for earning decent grades in high school. Even those who earn high school equivalency degrees get a boost toward more education, as Thompson discovered.

The largess comes from a program called HOPE, Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally. Funded by a state lottery, it pays for college or technical training. To date, 437,514 Georgians have received $943 million in tuition for schools in the state. Slightly more than half attended colleges; the rest studied at technical institutes.

It is a turnabout for a state once tarred as an educational backwater, where the 1990 census found 29 percent of Georgians over 25 never finished high school. Now Georgia advertises its work force in The New York Times: ``We're ready. How about you?"

MIT sophomore injured in hall fire

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- A fire struck the fourth floor of Random Hall Monday night, injuring one student and seven Campus Police officers.

The fire originated in the room of Elizabeth H. Shin '02, a biology major, at 9:15 p.m. Shin was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital with third-degree burns on 65 percent of her body and is listed in critical critical condition. Shin's parents were notified soon after the incident.

Campus Police arrived on the scene shortly after the blaze started. Officer Sean C. Munnelly was credited by the MIT News Office for pulling Shin out of the burning room. After saving Shin, Campus Police then extinguished the fire before the Cambridge Fire Department arrived, according to Cambridge Fire communications supervisor Frederick C. Hart.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

U.S. tourist disappears from cruise

PAPEETE, Tahiti (AP) — An American tourist has disappeared from the cruise liner he was traveling on in French Polynesia.

Police identified the man Tuesday as Cris Allen Swartzbaugh. One of his brothers, Scott Swartzbaugh, said Cris, 39, was an Iowa native but currently lives in Tea, S.D.

They said he was seen boarding the ``Paul Gauguin" liner on April 8. His disappearance was noted the following day when the liner arrived in Raiatea, an island 125 miles northwest of Tahiti.

The liner takes tourists on a six-day trip from Papeete to the Sous-le-Vent archipelago every week. Investigators believe Swartzbaugh disappeared somewhere between Tahiti and Raiatea.

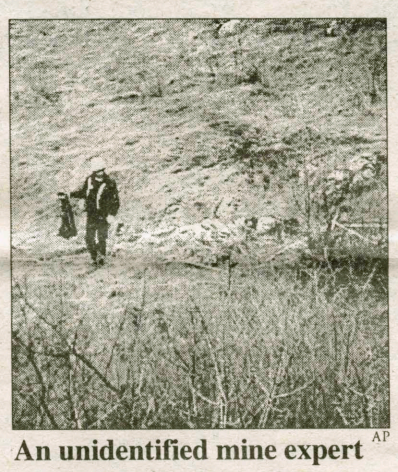
Police said the liner had been thoroughly searched. A plane and Puma helicopter from the naval aviation forces flew over the route taken by the ``Paul Gauguin" but the search was called off on Monday afternoon.

Kids die in Sarajevo mine field

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Helpless to save her, NATO peacekeepers and townspeople watched from the edge of a minefield as a dying 11-year-old girl waved and pleaded for hours to be rescued.

Ema Alic and two other youngsters died Monday after venturing into the minefield on the outskirts of the capital, the latest casualties of the Bosnian war that ended five years ago.

"For two hours, the girl was showing signs of life, waved with her little hand and called for help. Then she went quiet," said eyewitness Nenad Krestalica, 67, who was still visibly upset Tuesday.



AP

An unidentified mine expert stands next to the bodies of three Bosnian children killed when they stepped on a landmine in Sarajevo on Monday, April 10.

His wife, Stana, said she was gardening when she heard the explosion.

"We all started running. We heard a child's voice screaming for help," she said. "We called the police and they came, but nobody could approach the children."

Police identified the other dead children as Goran Biscevic, 12, and Haris Balicevac, 12.

As the rescue team carried the bodies of the children from the minefield, Ema's father broke into tears, turned around and told his wife: "It's our child," other witnesses recalled. The woman fainted.

The presence of the minefield was well-known, and signs warned of danger, residents said. Still, the field was not taped off, apparently because of lack of money.

Dozens of people are killed and injured every month in explosions of some of the millions of land mines strewn across Bosnia. Minefields render large areas along the former front line unusable.

Residents gathered around the minefield after the explosion Monday, followed by Italian members of the NATO-led peacekeeping force, but they could only watch the tragedy a few hundred yards away.

Although the experts worked quickly once on the scene, more than 2 $^{1}/_{2}$ hours elapsed between the time a demining team was notified and the time it reached the victims. By then, all three children were dead.

Boat sinks near Philippines; 56 die

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — An overloaded wooden ferry boat capsized, killing at least 56 people, officials said Thursday. More than 100 others were missing and feared dead.

Abdu Sakur, the governor of southern Sulu province, said the ferry Arlahada capsized shortly after leaving the capital of the province, Jolo, Wednesday night. The ferry was headed for the Philippine province of Tawi Tawi and then to Saba in Malaysia, he said. Nineteen people were rescued, he said.

There were no immediate reports of whether foreigners were on board.

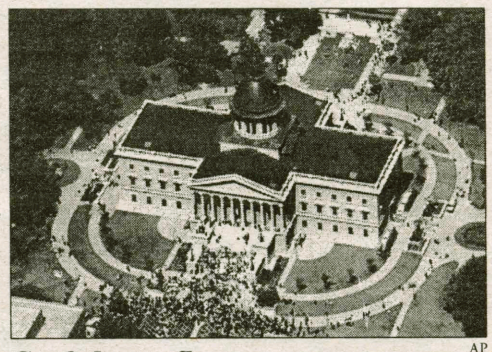
NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

S.C. Senate votes to remove flag

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina lawmakers on Wednesday took the first step to removing the Confederate flag from atop the Statehouse dome, exactly 139 years after the first shots of the Civil War were fired.

South Carolina is the only state that flies the Confederate flag above its Statehouse, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is leading a tourism boycott of the state until the flag is removed.



AP

Confederate flag supporters converge on the northern steps of the South Carolina Statehouse completing their 120-mile, five-day protest hike from Charleston.

"I think it's a great day because a lot of people are sacrificing their special interests in favor of what is best for the people of South Carolina. Ladies and gentlemen, we've been fighting this battle a long time,'' Democratic Sen. McKinley Washington said of the Senate's initial 36-7 vote to take the flag down. All opponents were Republicans. Only the Legislature can take down the flag, which has flown since 1962.

Kennedy apologizes for airport spat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Patrick Kennedy urged the Los Angeles police Wednesday to release a surveillance video of a confrontation between him and a security guard who claims he shoved and grabbed her.

Kennedy said, "I lost my temper,'' during the incident last month at Los Angeles International Airport. But he said he apologized quickly to the guard, Della Patton, 58, and never hurt her as she claims. His lawyer said the video would clear him.

"The entire episode has been blown completely out of proportion,'' Kennedy, D-R.I., said in a speech at a dinner for Rhode Island business and government leaders. "I could have acted a lot better than I did, but I did not do any of the horrible things that have been reported.''

Police have said the video shows "physical contact" between Patton and Kennedy. Police also have said the video is evidence in a criminal investigation and would not be released.

No charges have been filed against Kennedy.

Kennedy's lawyer, Abbe Lowell, who served as chief investigative counsel for House Democrats in President Clinton's impeachment proceedings, wrote Los Angeles Police Chief Bernard C. Parks requesting the video be made public.

"I am extremely hopeful that the release of the video and the prompt confirmation that this episode merits no action by the police or city attorney end this matter...'' Lowell wrote.

Ben & Jerry's Sells Out To Unilever

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Ben & Jerry's, the counterculture-capitalist ice cream maker, is selling out to the corporate suits.

Unilever, the multinational conglomerate that makes such products as Wisk detergent, Q-tips and Popsicles, is paying $326 million for the company started by two ex-hippies in an old gas station in 1978.

Unilever, already the world's largest ice cream maker, is also making sure all the bases are covered by buying the weight-loss business Slim-Fast Foods for $2.3 billion.

The Ben & Jerry's deal announced Wednesday would bring the socially conscious maker of funky ice cream flavors like Chunky Monkey and Cherry Garcia under the same corporate umbrella as Good Humor and Breyers ice cream.

It was an outcome neither Ben Cohen nor Jerry Greenfield favored. But the two founders were under pressure from shareholders to sell to Unilever, which offered $43.60 per share, or nearly 25 percent over Ben Jerry's closing price Tuesday of $34.93 3/4 .

"While we and others certainly would have pursued our mission as an independent enterprise, we hope that, as part of Unilever, Ben & Jerry's will continue to expand its role in society," Cohen and Greenfield said in a statement.

Presidential Coalition focuses on responsible drinking

Ashley Lee '02
NEWS WRITER

So, we all finally know how 2 / 3 = 1 / 4, and we have seen the posters explaining that "2 / 3 of Hamilton students drink 1 / 4 of the alcohol consumed on campus" but, many of us do not know what this really means, or why it is important.

The Presidential Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs has begun a Social Norms Campaign. Bob Kazin, Chairman of the Campaign and Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, explained that based on a survey done in Nov. 1998, Hamilton Students overestimate the amount of alcohol consumed by their peers. The coalition believes that by exposing this misconception, the amount of alcohol consumed will decrease. It is an issue of perception vs. reality. And as much as you might not think this would work; it has! At a number of other colleges nationwide, similar studies have been successful. The coalition wants to show that the majority of Hamilton Students are drinking responsibly, and that it is normal to be moderate in one's consumption.

The coalition began to educate the Hamilton Community several weeks ago, with an initial set of posters revealing statistics about the drinking habit of Hamilton Students. The message of these posters, "2 / 3 of Hamilton students drink 1 / 4 of the alcohol consumed on campus," has confused some members of the community. Many have either not been able to transfer these fractions into practical terms, or they have quickly done the math and reversed the statement around to "1 / 3 of Hamilton students drink 3 / 4 of the alcohol consumed on campus."

It may help to begin transferring these statistics into a practical situation: given three Hamilton Students and a twelve-pack of beer, based on the statistics, two of the students will drink one and a half beers (three beers combined), while one student will drink nine beers. A number of people have chosen to focus on the one student consuming nine beers, rather than the two students drinking one and a half. This is not the purpose of the campaign. While this statistic is more shocking, it does not represent the majority of the campus.

Kazin explained, "The purpose of the campaign is to focus on the majority who are responsible and moderate in their behavior". The coalition hopes that those who are not in the majority will realize that what they are doing is not "normal," and tone down their habits, but the main focus is to assure those who are responsible that they are in the majority.

"Often in a party situation students notice the person who has had too much to drink and is sick, not the others who have drunk in moderation, had a great time, and are going home safely," Kazin explained. The coalition wants to focus on that majority.

The campaign will continue for the next month, as three to four more posters will be displayed in this time. They will state: "63% of Hamilton Students drink once a week or less," "Half of our students consume 0-5 drinks in an average week," "The majority of Hamilton Students consume 0-5 drinks at a party," and "87% of Hamilton Students have never caused property damage."

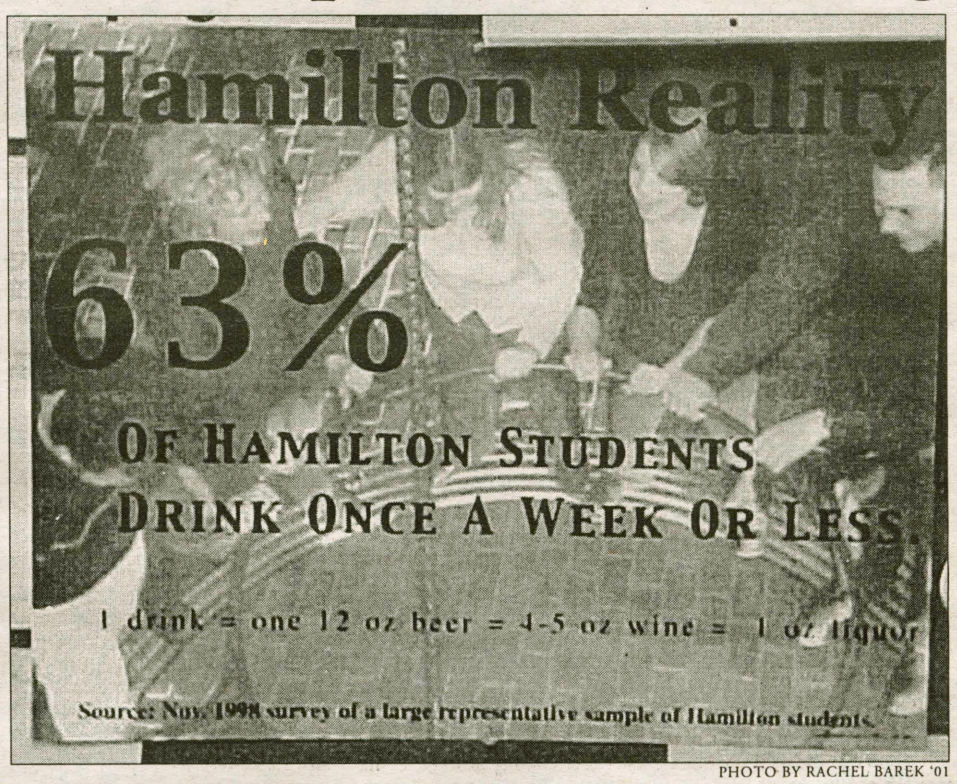

Hamilton Reality
63%
OF HAMILTON STUDENTS
DRINK ONCE A WEEK OR LESS.
1 drink = one 12 oz beer = 4-5 oz wine = 1 oz liquor
Source: Nov. 1998 survey of a large representative sample of Hamilton students

PHOTO BY RACHEL BAREK '01

Posters like this one are part of the Social Norms Campaign, designed to dispel misconceptions about alcohol consumption at Hamilton.

The success of the campaign will be tested in February of 2001 when another random survey will be taken asking about the drinking habits of Hamilton Students. The coalition hopes that the posters will heighten awareness about realities, and in turn decrease alcohol consumption.

Student Assembly and J-Board Platforms

Judicial Board Chair:

Sara Weinstein Class of 2002
Many feel that fairness has been lacking in our Judicial process, and it would be my goal as J-Board Chair to reform this imperfect system. I sympathize with frustrations over inconsistent punishments, overly harsh penalties for relatively minor infractions, and inadequate action for serious offenses. Large numbers of students no longer have the necessary respect for the Judicial process at Hamilton; therefore, we need to change the system to make it fairer and more consistent. Given my experience as a J-Board representative, I will have the ability and knowledge to make these necessary improvements.

Darren Block Class of 2001
Over the past two years I have watched and learned from the two previous J-Board Chairs about this campus and the way the J-Board functions. More importantly, I have learned how to work with people to reach a just decision. From working on J-Board, I feel that I have built a strong reputation as a fair individual. Additionally, I aim to maintain myself as a very approachable J-Board chair. Each year the J-Board chair has had a goal. My goal is to create a better understanding of the Judicial process and system.

Class of 2003 President:

Frank Valone
Fellow Rising Sophomores: Look at yourselves. What do you want this school to be? You are the vast majority at Hamilton college, and it's time you took some control in what your surroundings are to become. I am actively involved in many facets of the school, a Dean's List scholar, and I feel the best candidate. I will listen to your ideas and opinions, and serve as YOUR liasion to the administration. I would be proud to represent you as President.
~Frank Valone (BFF)~

Maurice "Mo" Michane
From the day elected your Class-President I have never stopped working for your causes. While President, I organized many fun activities for the Class-of-2003, such as the Donuts during exam period, BINGO-Night, and Class-of-2003 Pub-Fun-Night.
Over the year I have been on a never-ending crusade to make sure that the Voice-of-2003 was heard - Loud-and-clear. I kept my promises to get things done and I can best help our class get more done. Once again, I ask that you place your confidence in me, so that I may continue, "Making-a-Difference" for you, so give me your help and voice in doing…

Class of 2002 President:

Amanda Mereau
My name is Amanda Mereau and I am running for President of the Class of 2002. I am an involved member of our class with strong interests in planning activities and fundraisers for our class. I make a promise to represent our class members' ideas and interests. I also plan to make it my priority to keep everyone informed of our class plans and what is happening around campus. I am excited to have this opportunity and I urge all of you to cast your vote for Amanda Mereau on April 19th.

Ray Ash
This past year as class representative and chairman of the food committee, I have brought about many positive changes on campus. I feel that my past experience, initiative and dedication will only continue to bring about new and greater developments for us at Hamilton. I am definitely up to the challenge and I know that I can make a difference in the upcoming year. Take a step towards a better school year and vote for me as your Class President. Make sure that you do vote — it's important. Thank you very much.

Class of 2001 President:

Steve Guditus
Before any of us will realize it, we will all be seniors. Graduation provides for ample opportunity to get in those final things we ever wanted to accomplish at Hamilton; those things that we feel would leave an impact on Hamilton's community. What will they be? What will we do to leave a lasting impact at Hamilton? I am ready and willing to try my best to provide the leadership for our Class as I have done in the past as I am currently the President of the Class of 2001. I have the leadership and work ethic to provide a memorable senior year, but I need all your help. This needs to be a group culmination of work. Join me in making our senior year an unforgettable one, one which will be remembered by all, through group energy and enthusiasm...vote for Guditus.

J-Board Chair and Class President Elections Wednesday in Beinecke

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their food. "That was the depth of depravity that we had sunk to," Tutu declared. "That was the extent of evil to which we were capable."

Tutu then calmly shifted and told with great nostalgia and detail of how a situation ready to further ignite in fury and explosion ended with sudden peace, freedom, and vision. "The disaster did not overtake us!" he exclaimed. Tutu continued that "No, I think the world watched with akin to all as a veritable miracle unfolded before their eyes."

Tutu described the historic first elections in 1994. He spoke of Nelson Mandela, who had to wait until he was 73 for the first opportunity to vote. Mostly, he remarked on the doubt that people all around the world held about the prospects for South Africa.

There was global and internal fear that the future of South Africa would be filled not with peace and opportunity, but rather violence and revenge. This fear turned out to be unwarranted. Tutu noted with obvious satisfaction that "instead of an orgy of revenge, the world was amazed to watch the truth and reconciliation committee."

He explained how so many who had committed the worst atrocities during the regime of Apartheid were, one after another, granted amnesty or forgiveness for coming forward and declaring the full extent of the their wrong doings to the TRC. Murderers, abusers, and those capable of destroying the lives of the young and the innocent were forgiven by relatives of the victims and in some cases by victims themselves.

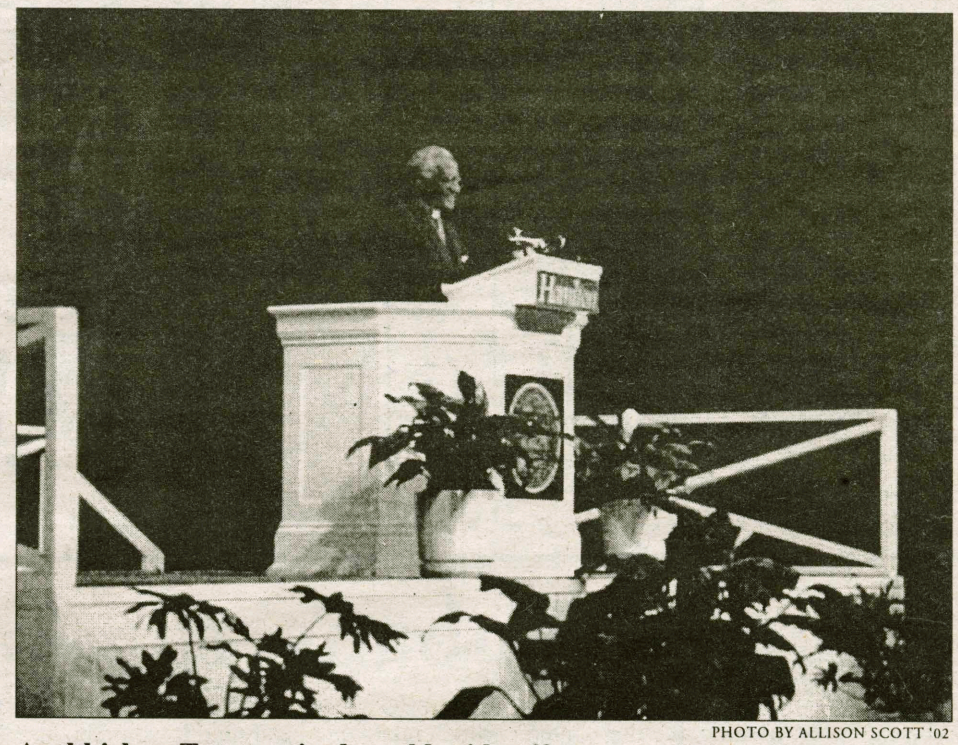
The significance of this process is very significant for those affected. Tutu explained, "These people in these hearings were experiencing a healing." Tutu went on to explain the importance of bringing back these unsettled cases into the light of truth and forgiveness. He noted, "These wounds had been reopened, but it had been wounds that were festering."

Tutu then went on to explain the significant role of students, Americans, and other activists in helping to achieve such success in South Africa. "You prayed for us, you supported our struggle," said Tutu with admiration. "You were willing to support our call for sanctions," continued Tutu. He continued to thank the audience and remarked that "our victory is indeed your victory.

Lastly, Tutu made a connection between the end of Apartheid and of what humanity is capable of in general. He explained the term "umbu-um-too" which encompasses the intermingling of humanity and the idea that each person is tied to one another. Tutu said "it speaks about welcoming, it speaks about sharing."

He explained that in this light, all efforts must be made to end sexism, racism, classism, and discrimination, against homosexuals and other groups of individuals. Tutu appealed to more human spending, rather than simply funding military needs and ignoring other social problems.

He summarized his whole philosophy of human responsibility towards one another as he noted "from each according to his ability, from each according to his needs." He closed by noting that we are all indeed brothers and sisters.



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Archbishop Tutu praised world-wide efforts to end the evils associated with South African apartheid. "You prayed for us, you supported our struggle ... you were willing to support our call for sanctions ... our victory is indeed your victory."

The speech left the audience with a sense of great reverence for what Tutu had accomplished, but much more perhaps for the content and value of his message. The applause was loud and the ovation immediate.

Byron D. Miller'02 summed it up nicely, noting , "I found his idealism refreshing. He borrowed my attention and wrapped it around his finger and didn't give it back to me until he was done."

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Protest planned against School of Assasins

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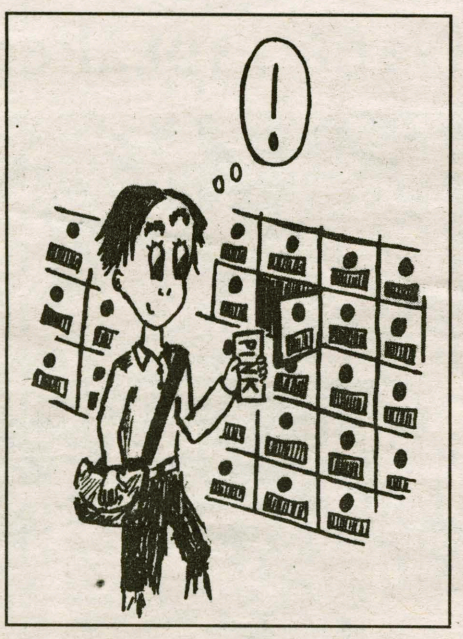
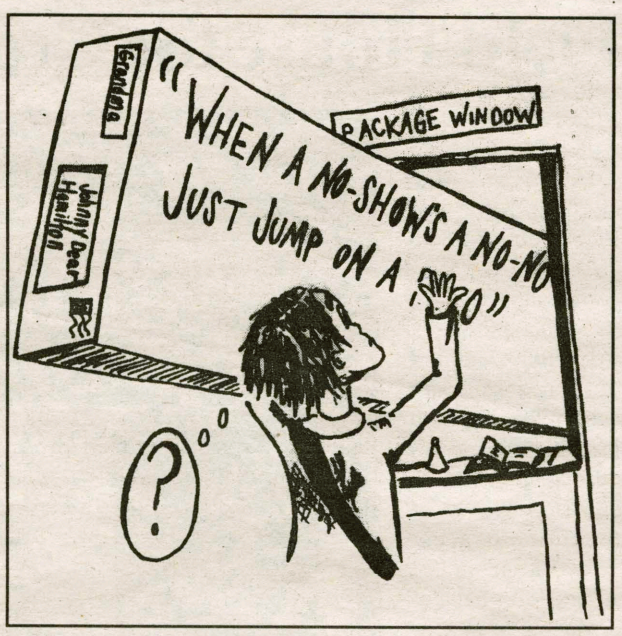
including Peter Brunette, Allison Hind, Milagros Ramirez, Wendy Morales, Sarah Winne, Megan Kearney, Emily Roynestad, Nella Bloom, Katya Efimenko, Carrie McNeil, Professor Margo Okazawa-Rey, Professor Kris Paap, and Professor Nancy Rabinowitz, will be participating in this fast to show their support for the nonviolent protest. Fast participants will not eat anything except for fruit juice for either part or all of the two-week period.

The fast shows a deep commitment and solidarity with people in Latin America who are forced by situations of poverty and oppression to fast involuntarily every day. Each day of the fast is dedicated to a different Central or South American country whose citizens have suffered at the hands of SOA graduates.

Fast 2000 at Hamilton is organized by the Hamilton Peace and Justice Action Group.





Elian, the Cubans, the Americans, and the Media

Over the past five months the United States media has followed every move of a young Cuban boy who went through as traumatic an experience as any child could. Elian Gonzalez lost his mother while trying to get from Cuba to Florida by crossing the Florida Straits. Since two fishermen discovered him floating in the waters off Florida last November there has been an international tug-of-war between the United States and Cuba.

At the center of this battle is Elian's great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez, who lives in Miami's prominent Cuban community. Lazaro, who contends that Elian should have an asylum hearing so that he can remain in the US, has made this issue one of such great magnitude that it has even become a key issue in the upcoming Presidential elections. The elder Gonzalez has used this child as a poster boy for criticism against Castro's Cuba. Lazaro, who has only known been in close contact with the boy for five months, now claims that Elian would be harmed it he went back to Cuba,

How could someone who lived in a country all of his life possibly be harmed by returning there? If Elian had to choose which relative to be around it would be his father, with whom he has lived for much of his life.

What Lazaro is essentially saying is that Elian, a six year-old, could decide on his own to leave Cuba and flee to the United States, and then decide to declare political asylum to gain citizenship because he thought that this would be better for his future.

But, Lazaro is not the only one at fault in this situation. The United States media and the US and Cuban governments have allowed this situation to get out of control. The US government did not act quickly enough to ensure that the situation would not get blown to the proportions that it has reached today. Instead of allowing the issue to snowball into an international media storm, the governments could have acted decisively by sending the child back to his father in Cuba. Allowing him to enter the hotbed of Miami's Cuban community was the wrong choice.

The Cuban government has used the boy to its own benefit by claiming him as a victim of the democratic system. The Castro regime claims Elian would be much happier under the socialist state. Cubans agree, as they are seen rallying around the home of Elian's father holding Cuban flags and portraits of Elian as though he were some sort of saint. Although the Cuban government will use any chance it gets to "one-up" the US government, this clearly is not the right situation to do it in.

Then there is the international media, which despite all of the other major stories that are going on in today's world, has decided that the focus should be on this poor child's plight and the international war of words that has ensued. It is media that has largely made this the huge issue it is today. From the day that Elian was carried on to US land, cameramen and reporters from all of the major news media outlets mobbed him.

All parties should step back and think about who they are dealing with in this situation. This is a six year-old child who should be enjoying time playing with his friends on the playgrounds in Cuba, riding bikes around his neighborhood, and sleeping over at friends houses. Is that an impossibility in authoritarian Cuba? Perhaps, but this is not a question for American burearucracy and the media to debate. Elian Gonzlaez is growing up in the spotlight of the international media, and this cannot be good for a young child.

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Letters

To the Hamilton Community,

With the final report from last November's Adler Conference forthcoming, the 1999 Tri-Chairs are accepting applications from ambitious and responsible students interested in co-chairing The 2000 Adler Conference.

The Conference is committed to the discussion of issues important to the student body and the Hamilton community at large. The forum creates intentional dialogue between all facets of the College by facilitating and providing important ideas to set goals for the future of the institution.

The event was originally named the Higby Conference and has remained a Hamilton tradition since 1966. In 1970 the Conference took the name Adler in memory of Charles Adler, Professor of History and a founder of the Conference. Last November's Conference was devoted to discussing the issues of communication at Hamilton.

The Conference is open to all members of the Hamilton College community (students, staff, faculty, administrators, trustees, and alumni) and is traditionally held every autumn. For the last two years, the Conference has included a dinner, a keynote speaker, and group discussions. However, there is no required scheme for the Conference.

Conference Co-Chairs are responsible for organizing and planning the event and overseeing the work of a steering committee. This committee consists of student volunteers and assists with various projects. The Conference is normally student-run, but 2000 might be the year to change this aspect.

Applications are available on the 'Big Blue' wall in the Beinecke Student Activities Village and at Café Opus. They must be returned via campus mail to Matthew Eng by April 21, 2000. Candidates will be notified of their status no later than April 28, 2000. Any questions should be directed to Matthew Eng '02 (meng), Steve Guditus '01 (sguditus), or John O'Keeffe '01 (jokeeffe).

Sincerely,

Matthew Eng '02, Steve Guditus '01, and John O'Keeffe '01
1999 Adler Conference Tri-Chairs

Dear Editor,

On this momentous occasion, on this glorious morning, Sir Brian Urquhart? I have no doubt that the Sir is a man of distinguished accomplishment, but I've seen this individual speak at Hamilton before. I believe he spoke in the chapel to a group of twenty, all of whom were snoozing. The class of 2000 — a class that has had the misfortune of enduring Hamilton-in-Transition, from Greek Life to the iron fist of In Loco Parentis, from the fruits of living off-campus to the mandatory sentencing of Res. Life — gets the Sir? Was Maya Angelou too busy? I'd prefer Monica or Tonya Harding or even Derrida! Anything but a stale talk on Globalism and Nationalism and Consumerism and Pre-Post-Industrialism on the day we all fly this coop!

Colin Carman

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Insight & Ideas

The J-Board: An Editorial Response

Benjamin Mann

After reading your recent editorial on the Judicial Board and its function on this campus, I feel it necessary to express my deep sadness and outright disgust with the article. While I recognize that the column is an "editorial," I do not think that the Hamilton community would be asking too much of its editor to expect basic research or fundamental accuracy in reporting.

First, your point of view would have been greatly strengthened and tempered if you had decided to contact ANYONE involved with the judicial process. I, for one, would gladly converse with you on the challenges of being a Judicial Board member. It would be my pleasure to discuss the overarching dilemmas that plague our campus on a day to day basis. I would still do so if you just take the time to contact me. Unfortunately, this oversight was only your first mistake...

I find that there are gross errors even within your first paragraph. "The document was, to say the least, schizophrenic in nature and muddled in focus." I question the basic vocabulary of this statement. Some synonyms for schizophrenic are psychotic, deranged, demented and maniacal. While I hope that it is not your intention to insinuate that members of the board have pursued a "Neroesque" policy this semester, I am left in doubt.

Also, your claim that the report is lacking in focus would seem to be a rightful, logical conclusion since it is a summary of a wide variety of complex cases. To expect some kind of deliberate focus from the simple elemental breakdown of thirty-five or so incidents is, to say the least, nonsensical. The reason for offering the community a judicial summary is not to create a focused statement about policy, but rather an overview of recent challenges the board has faced, and their subsequent resolution. It is for the intelligent audience to derive their own personal moral from their knowledge of policy combined with the real consequences of the cited summary cases.

Another fundamental point of inaccuracy in your editorial is the statement that reads, "according to the J-Board, it appears that parking violations merit stronger punishments than possessing marijuana." Let us be clear. All of the marijuana charges heard this semester are first time offenses. It has been the philosophy of Dean Green and myself to allow a first charge of possession to pass with a minor warning of probation and 15 hours of community service. In some cases supplementary charges illicited a certain degree of extended sanction. This explains the cases of discrepancy from the aforementioned rule.

In regard to parking, we have only asked students to pay their fine and register their car if they have not done so. We then admonish them that their parking privileges will be revoked if any further warranted tickets are issued. Contrary to your statements, we have NEVER sanctioned individuals to community service for parking infractions.

The assertion that parking infractions are considered more serious than marijuana use is asinine. The marijuana charges deal with one singular offense. The parking infractions, however, deal with continuous, long-term, blatant, violation of college policy. People with seven tickets or more, sometimes accruing fines up to $1000 or more, should expect to be held responsible for their behavior. The administrative hearings that have dealt with parking are merely in place to make sure the behavior is curtailed and to put the force of potential Judicial sanction behind the ticketing process. We have sanctioned no additional fines. We have only required that they are paid, something the college will enforce with the nullification of registration, regardless of our sanction.

I now turn to your main inaccurate statement: "The J-Board doesn't work." The first sentence to provide a factual basis for this fallacious claim is unintelligible. "It [the Judicial Board] attempts to act as both judge and jury for students brought before it, yet the J-Board often acts is inconsistent in the punishments it doles out." I really have a hard time figuring out what this sentence is trying to say, but I do know that on a regular basis the Judicial Board serves proudly and efficiently as a fair and just body to sort out problems on this campus. Furthermore, their sanctions have been routinely effective as well as consistent. We have seen few repeat offenders. The people that we have seen twice have been offered some time away from the college. If you were to actually read the report, I am sure you would agree. The Judicial Board does work... we work very well and we work very hard. In regard to your article's seeming disdain for the high level of privacy issues the board must observe, I refuse to offer any level of apology. As long as I am the chair, I will never allow the Judicial Summary to become a Jerry Springer show that we might laugh and gossip about particular people's unfortunate mistakes during their college career. To offer more than what is contained in the Judicial Summary briefs would serve no purpose but to entertain those on the outside and to embarrass those on the inside. People make their reparations completing their assigned sanctions: community service, writing their apologies, knowing they have probation over their heads. They have been embarrassed enough by having to spend time being scrutinized by myself and a body of their peers and professors. Even people who violate college policy have a right to their own private lives, regardless of their mistakes.

In response to your questions concerning the validity and relative strength of the sanctions the Judicial Board hands out, I question your understanding of the board's purpose and authority.

We are an educational body first, and a punitive body second. Our first consideration is the positive growth of the student based on the assortment of sanctions we can potentially hand out. We do the best we can to have students work with custodians they have harmed when vandalizing dorms. We let students face each other and question each other. We force students to think about their actions deeply and at length. We require reports based on their personal conclusions. In the terribly unfortunate case where a student proves time and again that they are incapable of growth on this campus, we remove them from the privilege of this environment. This is the best for ALL students, and the community. I will make no apology here either.

Finally, I refuse to advocate your rallying cry of "Only by sending a message and making an example of student law-breakers can the J-Board be truly effective." Making an example of someone entails treating their circumstance more harshly than necessary to invoke fear of similar reprisal in the community. I will not promote a policy that singles out any unfortunate individual from the group for the "good" of the community. Each case is dealt with fairly, individually, and in respect to precedent. Anything else would be a miscarriage of justice and a savagery of the system we truly believe in. The idea of "making an example" is intolerable and should never be accepted as an option to serve Hamilton College.

In closing, it is my firm belief that solid research, editing, and consideration for the gravity of the subject you have engaged, would have greatly improved the quality of the editorial. Again, I would have gladly spoken to you to clear up your misconceptions. I will still gladly entertain your questions or concerns. It is my job. I take it very seriously.

Senior Retrospective: Make Your Stay a Pleasant One

Jennifer Irvine & Brad Beacham

Many students at Hamilton are blessed with competent, involved, and compassionate advisors in their first year, while many other students slip through the cracks. With less than two months left, many seniors are trying to keep their heads above water, juggling their difficult academic curriculum while struggling to fulfill many time consuming graduation requirements.

The breakdown in the advising system at Hamilton often hinders the performance and continuance of many students. Outside of the Registrar's office, one would be hard pressed to find anybody, either a member of the faculty or the student body, who is well-versed with Hamilton's academic regulations. We have constructed a list of often problematic, unknown rules and regulations, complete with authentic scenarios, in an attempt to prevent further anxiety and promote awareness.

Hamilton requires a total of thirty-two units total for a degree. In a single department, no more than fifteen credits can count towards graduation. In order to graduate, students must receive a C- or better in at least one-half of the courses at Hamilton. Students must take one class within their major every semester and must complete their study within seven years of matriculation. What has proven to be painful for many in the past is that students must maintain a cumulative average, as well as their average within their concentration, of at least a 72. Failure to maintain a 72 within one's major has resulted in severe disciplinary action, such as suspension or expulsion, for friends in the past.

In order to move on to the dreaded real world, far from the safety of the parental nest, Hamilton requires the fulfillment of five major goals. These are Fundamental Skills, Breadth of Coursework, Cultural Diversity, Ethical Issues and Concentration (laid out in entirety on pager 5-7 of the college handbook).

The Fundamental Skills goal is made up of three subsets: writing skills, oral skills and quantitative skills. The writing skills requirement must be satisfied by three writing-intensive courses, each during a different semester. The oral skills requirement is satisfied through the completion of the general 32 course load without acquiring two or more notices of delinquency from professors. The quantitative skills requirement is satisfied through the passing of a quantitative literacy exam administered during orientation, a non-credit tutorial, or the completion of designated course offerings.

The Breadth of Coursework goal simply requires the completion of two credits in each of the four course divisions. These divisions are 1) the arts, 2) historical studies and social sciences, 3) the humanities and languages, 4) and science and mathematics. Of these four divisions the art requirement is the only division in which students aren't required to split the credits between different departments. Many course offerings are listed aiding this process as well.

The Cultural Diversity goal can be fulfilled in a number of ways that involve the incorporation and/or study of foreign societies and cultures, including studying abroad. The Ethical Issues goal involves the successful completion of one course that addresses such concerns. This must be fulfilled by the end of the junior year. It is important for all students to realize that in order to successfully complete these goals, a form signed by your advisor must be turned in to the Registrar's office.

The completion of the Concentration goal is straightforward in terms of general credits required, but varies within each department. This point needs the least amount of explanation, one would hope, but all students should read the College Catalogue section that corresponds to their given concentration for specific requirements.

The athletic requirement at Hamilton is often the most overlooked. In the past, students who have failed to complete the gym requirements have not been allowed to graduate or were forced to spend a strenuous senior week working for the physical plant while the sun shined and the beer flowed. Playing a varsity sport can only count as one of the three athletic requirements and club sports do not count at all, a personal point of contention regarding organized programs such as Rugby. Freshmen and sophomores should be advised that one must have the three athletic requirements completed before they go abroad. Many students have

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

I fundamentally disagree with most of what was expressed in last week's letter from Timothy Sapir '01. Sapir laments the College's pro-liberal, anti-Greek bias. I just don't see it. Like the majority of the nation these days, the College seems to be pretty moderate in its politics, supporting all active campus clubs and organizations equitably. Furthermore, if the College is anti-Greek, why are fraternities and sororities still granted "recognition" and other privileges? Simply put, the College continues to support the Greek system because, according to College officials, Greek life does have some positive effect on the community.

Sapir and other students crying out against the recent hard alcohol ban and suspension of Alpha Delta Phi fail to realize that the College has to take into account the safety and well being of *all* students when formulating policy. The ban on hard alcohol at parties may pose a problem for those of us who dislike beer, but the benefits of the policy far outweigh its costs. As many of us have seen or experienced, when young people are first exposed to alcohol they may not have the understanding or experience necessary to avoid going "overboard." This isn't just a problem at Hamilton, colleges and universities around the country are trying to find new ways to socialize incoming underage students. While I appreciate his intention, holding a class during orientation as Sapir suggests just wouldn't do it; you can't teach someone maturity in one hour-long session. The College could ban all alcohol and make Hamilton a dry campus, but obviously the administration does not believe that this is the proper course. Rather the College sees, correctly, that hard alcohol is a lot more difficult to handle than beer, especially since you can't tell how much alcohol there is in a drink. As a result, less experienced party-goers are more apt to overdo it on hard alcohol than beer. In this light, the hard alcohol ban is a reasonable step to insure the safety of students.

Societies and independents alike are granted certain privileges at Hamilton: parties, social spaces, and fair to liberal amounts of alcohol. Students need to demonstrate that they are responsible enough to handle these privileges, or the College has every right to take them away. I agree that we are all adults and should take responsibility for our own actions, but we also need to look out for each other. Upperclassmen should be looking out for their younger classmates. Societies, you call pledges your little "brothers" and "sisters," treat them as such. I can hardly see myself taking my younger sister, or even a friend, to a raging party, giving her drinks long after she's obviously become intoxicated, and leaving her there to make her way back up the Hill on her own.

Each of us is responsible for his or her own actions, but in the end the College is responsible for all of us. Most society and independent parties are conducted in a responsible manner. If, as in the recent AD "Mardi Gras" case however, the College finds that we cannot behave responsibly and follow the rules, the administration must step in. The College is, after all, liable. The administration cares about preserving the health and safety of the students, and college officials must maintain the integrity of the institution (i.e. protect the College against potential lawsuits and charges of criminal negligence).

Sapir, like many students, does not seem to understand the logic behind the Presidential Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs. The Coalition was not formed to outlaw alcohol at Hamilton, but to help find ways to reduce binge drinking. As I understand it, the Coalition's current outreach program is meant to educate students about widely-held campus myths concerning alcohol and drug use. In its two-year study, the Coalition found that Hamilton students generally think they drink more than they actually do. Similar studies have been conducted on other campuses around the country with the same results. By educating students about the myths, the Coalition hopes to reduce the pressure that some students may feel to fit in with the perceived norm, thereby reducing binge drinking across the board. The Coalition is not, as Sapir claims, "against" alcohol, it is simply attempting to decrease the negative impact of excessive drinking on campus.

Sapir goes on to complain about the state of residential options at Hamilton. He notes the disappearance of blocking and the increase in substance- and smoke-free residences. First of all, the blocking option was replaced with an opportunity for students to "pull-in" their friends. Rather than averaging a group's numbers, the pull-in option allows students with good lottery numbers to pull friends into surrounding rooms. The change was meant to make the housing lottery easier on sophomores stuck in Bundy, not to keep society members from living together. A more recent housing change, the addition of the DKE House as a substance-free option, is a response to an increased demand for substance- and smoke-free housing. The demand for substance-free is obviously not strong enough to warrant conversion of a residence like Dunham or Carnegie, each of which house over 100 students, so the eighteen slots available in DKE make the house a viable substance-free option.

The College is not "out to get" societies. There is no conspiracy in the works to rid Hamilton of Greek life. While I admittedly do not understand why one would want to submit oneself to pledging in order to become part of any organization, I do understand the fundamental human need for companionship and belonging. Thus I am not arguing for the total dismemberment of "society" culture. Independent students need to take a more active role in preserving some semblance of a responsible community as well. The College shouldn't have to "babysit" us. We are adults. If we'd all act like it, then maybe the College wouldn't need to restrict or limit our privileges.

In closing, I would like to remind students why we're here. It's not for the social scene, folks, it's because Hamilton has a very good academic reputation. While it's great that we're all so concerned with making sure students are happy with the party scene and the food, I can definitely say that's not what I'll think about when I remember life on the Hill ten years from graduation day.

Sincerely,
Sarah Byrne '00

To the Editor:

I have been wondering about the community of Hamilton college, its existence or lack thereof and the relation we have as whole have with the outside world we are a part of. Walking into a packed room full of people I have never seen before who were going to watch a movie about Brendon Teena, based on a true story, filled me with hope and regained every ideal I ever held as a woman, as a Hamilton student and as a leader. There are those who may not have been as touched and moved and filled with hope as I was but the audience made Boys Don't Cry -to me- a surreal experience. One unlike any I have ever felt.

Crimes committed and violence acted upon occur in the world- Hamilton not excluded- making us believe that a person is a person is a person. Which once seemed so simple and true has become so hard to attain. Acceptance. Respect. Tolerance. Love. The goals, the life, of every person can be met with harsh consequence. Hate. Violence. Disrespect. What defines a person, to me, is not their color, age, sex, gender, sexuality or any other marker, but their heart. Their humanity. After all the differences we could possibly have are put aside, when we are hurt, we all bleed the same color blood and we feel the exact same pain. That is the definition I hold to the word: person. Open eyes watched what I define as a person and those open eyes saw the outcome of others that did not hold humanity to the same scale.

As issues progress and events happen, Hamilton changes as well. I saw the open ears; eyes and the open hearts watch the movie as one. A room filled like I had never seen where people from all walks of life became a part of this community. In order for change to come about there has to be an event to trigger it. The optimist's view of this film, or any other tragedy, is that there is always some positive outcome, a silver lining. This film made it easier for some of us to understand, realize or just know that this is going on in the world and on another side of the matrix people are watching something so close to home that there is a sense of security and comfort because you are not alone and a community surrounds you, a Hamilton community. I wondered if I would ever see one like this. I saw this community, of open minds and of torn hearts watch a film of humanity, not of sexuality, romance or violence but of a person trying to live his life. This is a community I am proud to be a part of and embrace.

In honesty, integrity and respect,
Vanessa Pagan '02
Coordinator, Rainbow Alliance

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Requirements

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found this little unknown fact to be problematic.

It is exceedingly important to inform the Dean's office of study abroad plans in order to insure that full credit will be transferred and programs are indeed approved. Furthermore, for those students planning to go abroad, it is necessary that you are in good academic standing for approval on your vacation plans.

At one time or another many students have found themselves attending summer courses in order to gain the credit they wish to transfer. A note of caution here: 1) make sure the course in question is approved by the chair of the corresponding department at Hamilton, in doing so one should provide a description of the given course and course hours as well, 2) make sure the petition forms are turned into the Registrar's office within one year of completing the course, and follow up on the petition on both ends; this is the student's responsibility, not that of the Registrar's office. Often times students, ourselves included, have been disappointed to discover that credit transfers have resulted in credit deficiencies. These losses are often overlooked by students until the last minute, where seniors are seen frantically searching for credit options, which are limited, or adding another full credit course. Until now, credit opportunities were focused around music oriented activities, such as instrumental lessons, choral groups, etc. Thanks to the efforts of certain *Spectator* staff members, in association with the Dean of Students office, students can write for *The Spectator* as an independent study, or, attend a limited number of speakers to fulfill that irritating credit deficiency.

The credit/no-credit option enables a student to receive credit for a class without the grade affecting a student's overall average. Unless the instructor requests, he/she is not informed of the decision. Students may choose to use the option in four courses over four years and may not use it more than one time per semester. No freshmen are allowed to exercise this option. Juniors and seniors may not use the option for a class in their major or minor. Students must inform the Registrar's Office of their decision during the Add period, which is the first four calendar days of the semester. A grade of C- or better must be achieved to receive credit. A grade of D+, D, or D- will result in no credit for the course and will show up on the transcript. Regardless of whether credit is achieved, the grade will not factor into a student's overall average unless they receive a F or FF. Upon failing the course the grade will be computed into the overall average.

In the handbook the school warns students that graduate schools often look with disfavor upon using the credit/no-credit option in work vital to the graduate field of study. However, it can be considered a valuable tool that many students remain unaware of throughout college. Students should be forewarned that it is very possible to receive a NC or possibly even fail a course taken under the credit/no-credit due to mindset. Students typically run into unforeseen problems when they enter a class thinking "I only need to get a C-."

Recently, the school has adopted a "no tolerance" policy regarding many of these often overlooked stipulations. This hidden systematic defect does not only affect seniors, but every student. As always, it is important to foster healthy advisor-advisee relations. Faculty and students alike are encouraged to read the annually updated Hamilton College Catalogue.

The BLSU responds:

De facto segregation and Race Relations

De facto segregation is prevalent on many college campuses. It is practiced by individuals sharing a common interest, background, or culture who tend to often intermingle amongst themselves. This type of segregation is not only an issue of race. Students from similar hometowns, ethnic groups, religions, high schools, fraternities, sororities, and sports teams all take part in this practice. In some cases, their efforts to be around people with similar interests and backgrounds may lead to the unconscious exclusion of others. In the March 3, 2000 issue, *The Spectator* article entitled "Diversity at Hamilton: the dialogue continues" discussed de facto segregation in relation to minority students on campus. According to this editorial, de facto segregation is a product of students of color separating themselves from the white students on campus. Although it mentions that white students also separate themselves from students of color, the article strongly focuses on the idea that students of color, namely blacks, initiate this process. Thus, implying false testimony as to what de facto segregation is and who practices it.

The article misinforms readers by singling out blacks as the sole representation of all minorities that contribute to de facto segregation. Many individuals of the Hamilton community notice that black students have a tendency to sit at the same tables in dining facilities, and attend similar lectures, organizations and parties. These practices are not entirely determined by race, but related interests, cultures, and backgrounds. Specifically, in the dining facilities everyone sees black students sitting together, yet they do not notice themselves. Those who criticize black students for constantly sitting together do not focus on other groups who naturally separate themselves such as Latinos, Asians, International students, sports teams, fraternities, sororities, and the economic upper class, primarily for the same reasons. Therefore, to assess the true nature of de facto segregation, one must look past color.

The previous article on diversity stated that "Socially, academically, intellectually, and otherwise, Hamilton students are often separated along the lines of color." It went on to state that students of color and white students generally engage in different social activities on Friday and Saturday nights, and attend lectures in either large crowds of white students or students of color, respectively. The article called this tendency "clustering". Clustering at Hamilton College is not an issue between students of color and white students. Rather, it relates directly to individual interests, preferences, backgrounds and cultures. Hamilton students often attend events that relate to their interests or celebrate certain aspects of their culture. Therefore, it is unfair to assume that race is the only factor in determining this separation on campus. Individual interests and cultural background are not necessarily shared with friends or people of the same race. Both students of color and white students fulfill the same majors and minors, attend the same lectures, course-related films, parties, organizations, and much more. For example, psychology majors are likely to attend a lecture on the "Criminal Mind", while certain sororities or fraternities are likely to attend their own parties, and Latino students will generally attend social events that celebrate Latino Heritage Month. These are examples of everyday life at Hamilton and race is not the only factor included in them. These examples support the idea that Hamilton students generally separate themselves due to a combination of similar interests and cultures. Hence, "separation along the lines of color" is only one contributing factor regarding de facto segregation.

The article also refers to housing as a catalyst for de facto segregation. Hamilton students may notice that friends, sorority and fraternity members, and people of the same cultural background and race tend to live near one another, or in some cases, in the same dorm after their freshman year. It is a well-known fact that Residential Life assigns all first-year students to residence halls according to the way in which they complete their housing form. On this form, there is not a question about racial identity. Rather, the form asks about students' respective interests, personalities, and preferences. Therefore, in the fall of their freshman year, students are randomly assigned to a roommate(s) with similar interests whom they have never met. The previous article on diversity challenged this fact, implying that the Office of Residential Life does not randomly assign housing to HEOP students, claiming that these students have previous knowledge of their living arrangements by stating:

"However, in one specific area of housing assignments, the assertion that residential life starts off by putting all students who have never met before in random housing can be challenged. This involves the HEOP (Higher Educational Opportunities Program) program. ... The program begins in early July and lasts for over a month. HEOP is open to students of any race, but typically the vast majority of HEOP students are minorities. Freshman housing surveys while past their deadline are often collected far into the summer. Because of this fact, HEOP students have a chance to spend much of the summer with each other and at the same time fill out a housing survey indicating where they want to live. ... Regardless, it is clear that HEOP summer students do have some ability to determine that they live near each other and this does serve to increase segregation."

When interviewed about the information regarding the HEOP program in the article, Christine Johnson, Director of the Hamilton College HEOP program stated that, "no information is made available to students or faculty about HEOP students. Once the summer program is over their identity remains hidden." Therefore, the information in the article listing the number of HEOP '99 students and the number of those living on the south or north side of campus is incorrect. Furthermore, when Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, Director of Residential Life, was interviewed she stated that " Although housing forms are collected far into the summer, HEOP students do not in any way influence which dorm they are placed in after their forms are submitted." HEOP students receive the same deadline that all entering freshman receive for submitting their housing forms. The few HEOP students that may hand in their housing forms late do not receive any special consideration. Therefore, one cannot place part of the initiation of de facto segregation upon them.

Towards the end of the article, what was formerly de facto segregation became de facto "racial" segregation. One has to wonder, whether or not the article was based upon race all along. The article then continued to analyze de facto "racial" segregation in relation to prospective students. It raises the issue of whether or not potential minority students who visit the campus are led to believe that racial interaction and communication are not at an optimal level. The article states that "The image that the small representations of minority students present are living largely separate lives from white students cannot be altogether comforting for them when trying to find a college with a truly diverse community." Reality is reality. The de facto "racial" segregation that a prospective minority student may perceive on this campus may not necessarily be their main concern. Their main concern may very well be that Hamilton College will provide them with a good education.While it is true that de facto "racial" segregation could affect a prospective minority student's perception of Hamilton; it could affect any other prospective student's perception of Hamilton as well.

The narrow application of the term "de facto segregation" made by "Diversity at Hamilton: the dialogue continues" excluded important factors such as similar interests, cultures, and backgrounds in regard to the separation between students of color and white students on campus. In future dialogue, Hamilton students should note that limiting this practice to race neglects the fact that every student practices de facto segregation on some level.

If anyone would like to discuss this issue further, please attend The Black and Latin Student Union's panel discussion on April 20, 2000 in the Red Pit from 7-9pm.

Submitted by,
Belinda Lett and *The Spectator* Committee for The Black and Latin Student Union.

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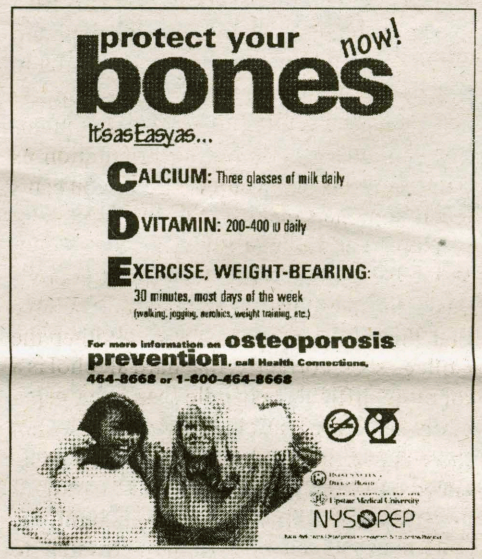
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Persepective From Abroad: The College Experience

Michelle Arlotta
From Scotland

•In a lot of ways I'm more content with myself than I have ever been. I need people. Not often do I say that and mean it. I'm usually a loner, a free spirit independent. I don't care about this college's ridiculous rules and customs. I don't care that there are projects that I should be working on. I don't even care that anytime I want to go somewhere I have to walk or take public transportation. All I care about right now is that I need people- anyone: just people. Along the way I've met a lot of kind people. I think that's all I know anymore -- I just want to be one of those kind persons. I want to return all the kindness that has been given to me and then some. Because what else is there in life? I really think that love makes the world go round. I've been kicked while I was already down -- to the point where I lost any faith I had in humanity -- but the love and kindness of strangers have picked me back up and given me the faith to continue on by myself.

I have realized I can live without a lot of things...my car, TV, stereo, free refills, 24 hr diners, huge movie theatres, my favorite sweater...but I can't live without kind people. I've never felt quite the way I feel right now: so overwhelmed by life that I find myself on the brink of tears not really knowing why. I've just given up a lot of security that I spent so much time building and maintaining, threw it all away. What's that saying? Throw caution to the wind? It's like I'm standing there at an intersection, and I don't know which way to go anymore, there are no signs and no one around to ask for help...there is no one there to hold my hand or to warn me when a car is coming.... I let it all go. Some people think backpacking through Europe for a month is the great college adventure. While it deserves to be deemed an adventure, seeing the world whilst trying to make it back to homebase with all of your belongings and a breath of life in you is not the great college adventure.

The great college adventure is giving up security, giving up what you know and what will keep you safe. It's loosening the grip and then letting it all fly away. It's going off by yourself without a map or a hand to hold. It's freeing something that you are selfishly holding onto because it brings you comfort and security. It's what the past months of my life have consisted of. There were times when I didn't know where I was going until I got there. There were times when I thought of packing it all up and coming home. There were times I didn't think I would make it back with everything I started with... and I didn't. Somewhere in Western Europe I lost my need for constant security. Somewhere I realized that ignorance really can be bliss, but you won't ever truly feel what there is to feel out there unless you brave the world and all it has to give, whether it be good or bad. Somewhere I grew up.

How do I explain what happened to me in the past two weeks, let alone the past 3 months? I don't, some things are better left unsaid. Some things are better left to be discovered by each person on their own. As much as I wish I could explain to everybody where I've been and what I've been through-its mine and no words will ever come close to capturing the feeling. I think eventually everyone will find themselves at that intersection, confused as to which way to go and looking for a hand to hold. And I think that eventually each person will be brave enough to pick a direction and cross the street alone. I guess college isn't just about academics and parties and fond memories of being drunk off of cheap wine under the Eiffel tower... its about giving up the security of home and everything you know and that is comfortable to you. It's about being brave and walking alone with confidence. It's about being grown up enough to let go of that security only to find that you are more secure in the end.

Shoes

John Schuettinger

I recently sat down with our campus publication and read an enlightening article. This article called for us to dream and to make a statement about something in our lives. I contemplated his message and realized that I am not a happy person. I am one of the herd and I am being driven to the oblivion of nothingness. I am allowing things to be dictated to me and I am not in charge of my life. And I don't think I have ever been in charge. Do you think you are in charge of your life? How many pairs of shoes do you own?

Do you think you own yourself? Are you in control of your actions? Do you dictate what goes on in your life? No, you do not. If I am not in control of my own destiny and I am not in charge of what happens, then who is? Where is this American Dream I have heard so much about? The American Dream is pure fiction, pure Horatio Alger's fiction. It is a story told to make people buy into capitalism. Strive as hard as you want but you will not win in this system. Why can't I pick myself up by my boot straps and do good in life and be a good little capitalist? You do not own yourself. You, dear reader, are owned by those things that you think you own. Yes, your possessions are what own you.

Think of all that you own and how much time and energy you spend trying to keep it. You are at a party. How much time do you waste trying to find the perfect place to put your navy blue pea coat so someone won't walk off with it. And how often do you worry that that person leaving in a navy blue pea coat is actually leaving in your navy blue pea coat? How often do you worry about leaving your car unlocked for fear that someone will steal the things inside or will steal the ca r itself? Do you have a password on your computer? On your bank statement? On your diary? You are owned by these things that you want to keep safe. It is right to ask us what we fear, what we dream, what we want. Do you dream of things? Do you yearn after things? Do you fear your things?

Shoes. I mentioned shoes before. We all own shoes. Can you live without your shoes? Do you think you could live one day without shoes? We began without shoes, we began without clothing. Do you think you could revert back to those days? I don't think I could. I can not live without my shoes, I am possessed by them. I could not live without my shoes, I simply don't have stout enough feet for it. Do you think you could live without your shoes? Can you break the possession of your possessions? No, you cannot. So why do we strive to have different shoes? Why have I heard this statement before, "Those shoes don't match that belt." Why? Why don't those shoes go? They are only there to allow the wearer to go from place to place free of harmful footing. The establishment wants you to have more shoes so they can further their possessions and in the process, you become possessed by your possessions.

WAKE UP! The American Dream is a hoax. It doesn't exist and its myth is only in place to keep you complacent and bleary eyed; it is there to make you think you can win and it is there to make you a slave to the system. Isn't capitalism grand! Free trade makes you a prisoner to the things you buy. Get in your SUV, go to the Gap, give them all your money so they can own you. Be branded by capitalism. Wear your brand like a badge of honor -- that is exactly what they want you to do. I fear what I own. What I own knows this and does not care, because it knows that I cannot live without my shoes.

Scattered Thoughts

Seth O'Bryan
The Daily Truth

We all have this tendency to take things for granted. I was just sitting here wondering how to start this article. While I knew what I wanted to write about, I didn't know how to put my three pages of thoughts into writing. But sitting here in my room, my home, where I have three best friends that people could only dream about having, listening to "Round Here" on mp3, thinking about the spades game with my roommate and our awesome neighbors, thinking about how talented and kind our professors are, I can't help but think how lucky I am to be here. Hamilton College is one of the finest private liberal arts colleges in the nation. We are a collection of some of the best and most gifted students in the world. Our professors, Deans, and coaches all care and have much to offer. These are the reasons why I expect more from this college. I'm still confused as to what dominates this school. Is it grades, partying, and settling for contentment, or is it striving to "know thyself," through discussions of ideas and thoughts, in a place where people challenge who they are and what they think? I've written about all this before, so I'll move on, but I can't help but be repetitive when these thoughts won't leave my mind.

There should be a place at Hamilton where at any time of the day, whether it is Tuesday at 3pm or Saturday at 11pm, you can find someone that wants to hang or chat about ideas. There should be a place for people to watch movies or tv or play pool, video games, bowl, or engage in any type of activity if they don't want to go to a party on the weekend nights. Presently, if you don't want to go out or aren't the party type, all you can do is hang out with your own clique and play video games or watch movies. How are these people that don't want to party every night going to meet? At a college that is supposed to be full of intellectuals, where is the hotbed of intellectual activity? Picture a student union full of couches where if a professor wanted to talk to students and get some feedback on the school or just chat he or she could find some students. A place where if some student is bored and wants to find someone and talk about something with someone other than their usual group of friends, they know they can go there and find an exciting or chill discussion. Bristol has a poor location, and the pool tables are closed late at night and usually busy with parties. Beinecke is too small and busy with people studying. Where? This place doesn't exist on our campus; it should.

My thoughts are scattered and I don't know what to write. My chi is lost for the night, and I'm disappointed about this article. There is so much to write. I'm trying to reach out to you, not just the student body, but the entire Hamilton community. I want to know what you think and I want to talk. Everyone here has so much to offer and so much wisdom, so many experiences. There is so much to learn from each other. There are so many stories to tell, and so many talents to share. I want to know what you think, not just about this article, but about life. What are the most popular topics on campus? What should be the most popular topics?

What you read in this article is just words. Behind these words are my thoughts and my emotions, two of the most precious possessions in life. Don't let yours go to waste. Don't let mine. If you are are interested, come to my "lunch group." None of us really know each other and we have only met once. It's different and interesting. Don't be afraid to try something new. If you have a response to this article, in agreement or disagreement, write in. I'm confused as to what to think about this school. I honestly want to learn what you think. I mean "you" as in you the reader. There is so much for us to learn from each other.

For the past seven years of my life I've been a competitive runner. The more you train, the more important racing gets. In any race, there are a million emotions and a lot of pain and fear. At some point in the race you find this comfort zone. It's a pace where you know you can run at and finish the race and your time will be alright. At some point in my career, I learned what being a great racer is all about. It's the race where you can step out of the comfort zone and push yourself. You must let go of your fear of dying and not making it to the finish line, but listen to your body and give it everything you have. The best race has nothing to with time or place; it has to do with whether or not you gave your best. It is guaranteed you will be happy with yourself if you can push yourself to your absolute limit. You always know when you've given your best. Racing is one the greatest metaphors for life. Go outside of the comfort zone and give life your best.

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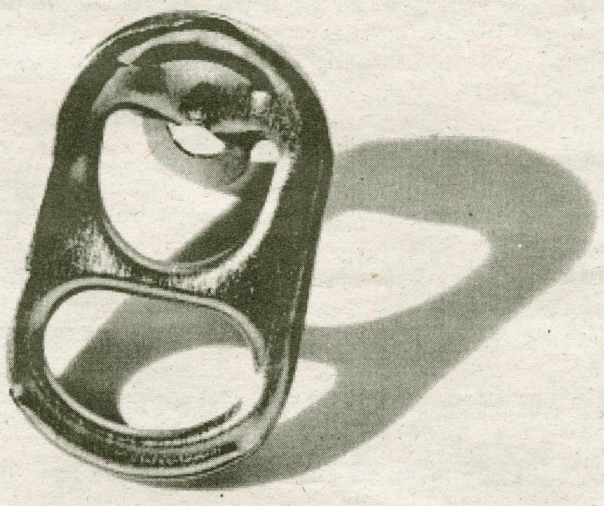

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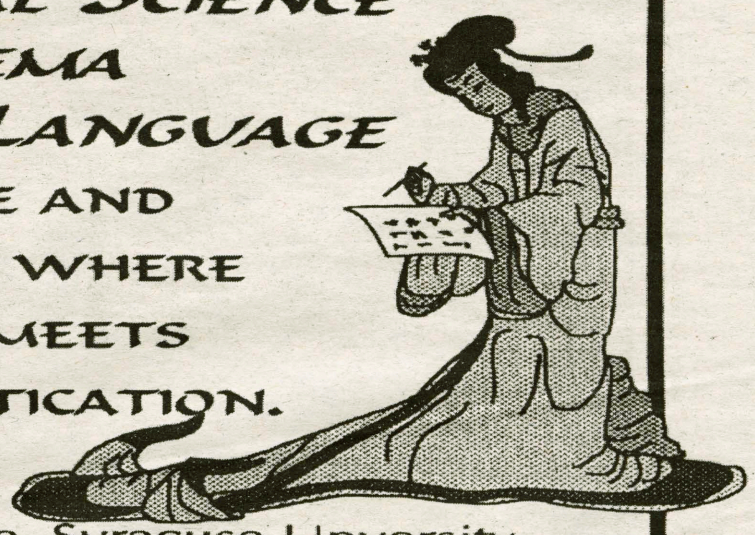

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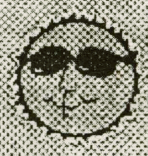

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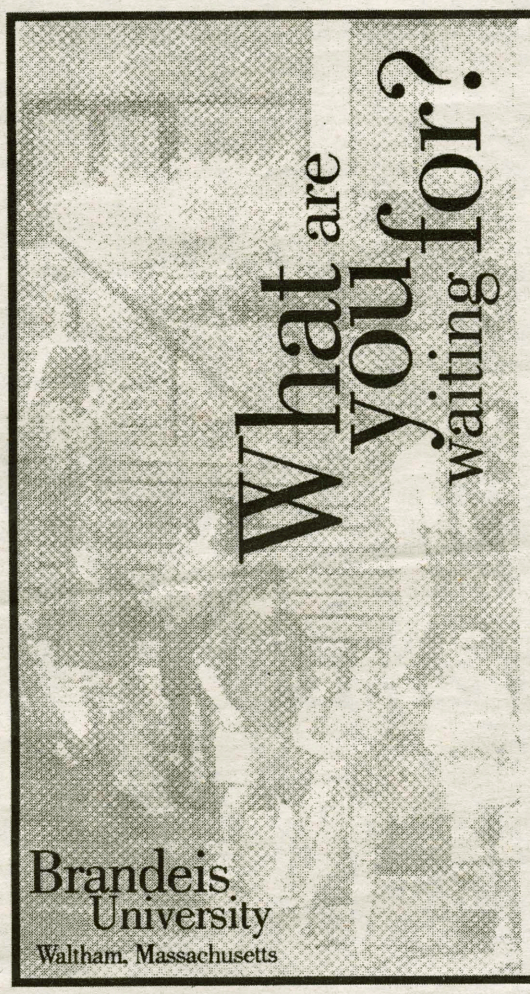

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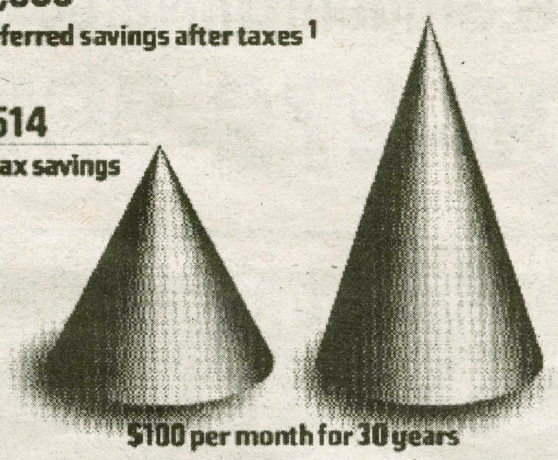

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By Doug Wheeler '03
SCIENCE WRITER

In the week leading up to Spring Break, I made a trip over to the Career Center to inquire about alumni job shadowing in the field of medicine. After sifting through several names of Hamilton alums, I had a few names arranged in a small list. My first telephone call was to a graduate of 1980, Dr. Michael Kelberman, a Cardiologist at Central New York Cardiology in Utica. Following a bit of phone tag, I found myself set up to shadow Dr. Kelberman for the second week of my spring break.

After a catastrophically unproductive first week of break, I met Dr. Kelberman at St. Luke's Medical Center in Utica, where he often performs heart catheterizations. A catheterization is a process performed after a patient complains of chest pain (known as angina pain) or after a routine stress test indicates that there may be blockages in one of the patient's heart arteries.

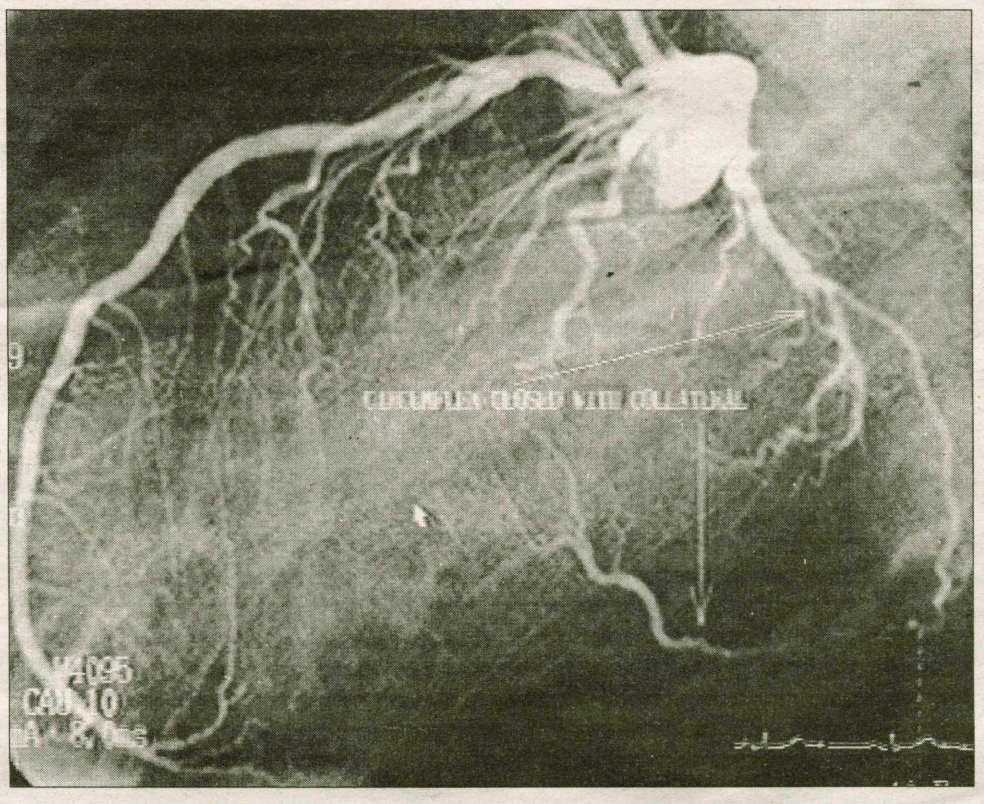
During my first two days of shadowing Dr. Kelberman, I viewed heart catheterizations being performed from about 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The process, which can be as short as 20 minutes per patient, sounds quite simple. An incision is made into the right leg into the right femoral artery and a guy wire, or lead wire, is inserted into this hole and up the artery.

Next, the catheter, which is a slim tube that fits over the guy wire, is inserted and pushed up the artery into the heart. Three catheters are typically used in this procedure, each one with a different shape at the end, which guide the catheter into the left coronary artery, the right coronary artery or the left ventricle.

Upon being placed in the desired position, an iodine dye is injected into the catheter, and it feeds into the heart. This dye permits the target arteries to be seen via x-ray. As the dye is injected, an x-ray video sequence of the heart is recorded, which allows the cardiologist to examine what, if any blockages exist. Several sequences are taken for the coronary arteries, and then one sequence is shot of the left ventricle.

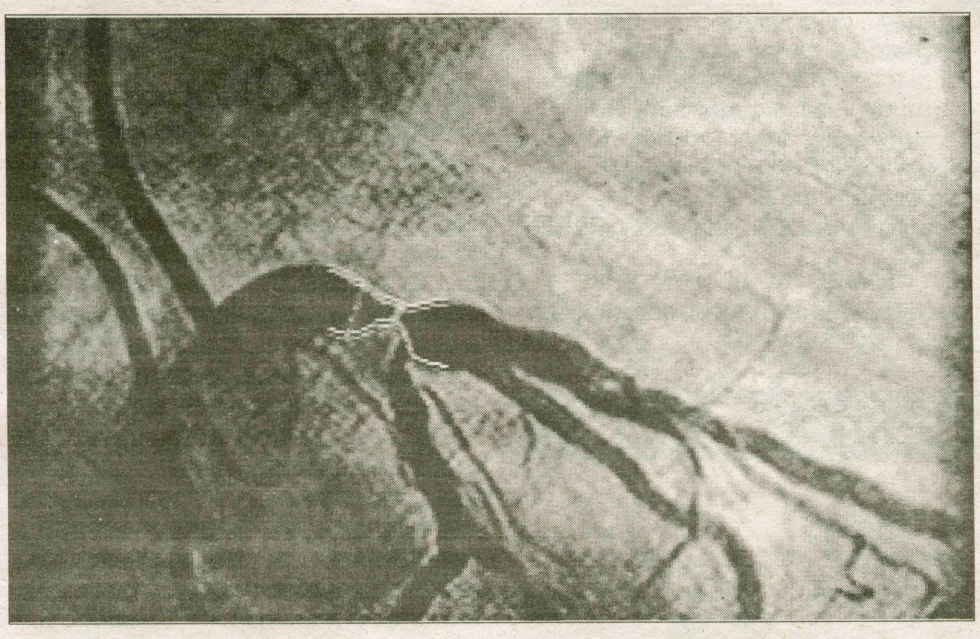
Following the catheterizations, Dr. Kelberman would explain to me how to spot the blockages in the arteries, which appear as spots where the iodine dye tracings are noticeably thinner than the artery space above them. Depending on the blockage type, Dr. Kelberman would decide what course of action to take.

In the case of small blockages, medicine may be administered. With larger blockage, balloon angioplasty or another solution may be used. In addition, the video sequence of the left ventricle was appraised. The way the ventricle moves allows cardiologists to determine if any tissue death has occurred as a result of arterial blockage.



Above: The left coronary artery, viewed from behind the patient, after being stained with iodine dye. The left coronary artery is the long, arching artery to the left, while the artery on the right is the right coronary artery. In the lower right corner of this image, you can see blockage in the right coronary artery.

Below: Another image of the left coronary artery, this time viewed from the front of the patient. Here, a blockage is readily visible, outlined in white by a computer program used by cardiologists. The blockage exhibited in the picture below is approximately 84%.



After assessing a patient's situation, Dr. Kelberman and I would proceed to the patient's room to share the results of the catheterizations with them. In most cases, only a balloon or stent angioplasty procedure was necessary. These are two methods in which the plaque built up on the artery walls can be compressed to allow the artery to open. Both are performed in a similar fashion as catheterization, where a specially shaped catheter is pushed up the right femoral artery and into the appropriate section of the arteries. In balloon angioplasty, a small balloon is inflated inside of the blockage to compress the plaque and open the blockage.

In stent angioplasty, the plaque is compressed with a balloon, and a small, expandable steel mesh tube is placed in the artery. The tube is enlarged with the balloon, pressing the plaque against the artery and freeing up the blockage. In some cases, a small, diamond tipped drill is used to open the blockage before any angioplasty is performed. This drill operated at some 150,000 rpm and sounded not unlike a dentist's drill.

My four days with Dr. Kelberman had a series of highlights, and I saw something new each day. On my second day, I watched one of his colleagues perform a pacemaker installation. In this procedure, an elderly woman had electrical leads anchored into sections of her heart muscle, and a pacemaker unit installed, which was placed under the skin between her left breast and collarbone. This unit monitors and aids her heartbeat whenever necessary.

One of the most remarkable events I experienced was watching open-heart surgery in St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Utica. One of Dr. Kelberman's colleagues, Dr. Frank Joyce, was the operating surgeon. In extreme cases of heart blockage, open-heart bypass surgery is performed, in which sections of artery are "borrowed" from other parts of the body such as the interior of the rib cage or the arm, and used to bypass large arterial blockages. Veins may also be used, but they are not as durable as arteries.

The open-hear procedure I viewed was on a 68 year old woman, and for two and a half hours I stood over her head, with her chest cavity held open by a large clamp, her heart motionless in front of me. During this procedure, the heart is stopped, and the patient's blood is fed through a heart-blood machine and back into their body to provide oxygenated blood. With this machine, the heart can be stopped indefinitely, allowing surgery to go on for some time.

After two and a half hours that seemed more like minutes, the surgery was coming to a close. The heart, after having a series of arteries bypassed, was taken off of the heart-lung machine and restarted. Large steel ties were used to close up the patient's chest, her skin was stitched back together and the surgery was finished.

Catheterization, angioplasty and open heart surgeries were only a few of the spectacles I witnessed in the days I "shadowed" Dr. Kelberman. The experience allowed me to speak with a Hamilton College graduate who had continued on to medical school, and it also allowed me to see the dayto day intricacies of a cardiologist's work. I also got a better idea of what it is like to be a doctor.

I would like to thank Dr. Michael Kelberman of Central New York Cardiology. Dr. Kelberman graduated from Hamilton in 1980, with a psychology major. Dr. Kelberman then attended the State University of New York Upstate Medical University, in Syracuse. After medical school, Dr. Kelberman was chief resident at the University's hospital an experience he describes as a "great honor." He currently practices at Central New York Cardiology, a corporation of eight cardiologists who serve greater central New York.

An aviator looks at Byrd's arctic flight

By Hardy F. Lebel Ph.D.
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

From the time Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett landed Josephine Ford at King's Bay, Spitzbergen on the afternoon of May 9, 1926 there was controversy as to whether the pair made it to the North Pole. However, a tepid endorsement from the National Geographic Society was sufficient for most Americans, and publicists and sycophants created a demi-god. For decades questions were dismissed out of hand as revisionist, or worse. Like most boys growing up in the 40's and 50's, Byrd was one of my heroes and I didn't like the idea of people calling him a fraud.

So it stayed until the 100th anniversary of another polar aviator named Bernt Balchen's birth led two institutions with a vested interest in the status quo to re-ignite the embers. Ohio State University Press published *To the Pole; the Diary and Notebook of Richard E. Byrd 1925-1927* edited by Raimund E. Goerler. (OSU is home to the Byrd Polar Research Center.) The Smithsonian Institution Press published *Bernt Balchen; Polar Aviator* by Carroll V. Glines.

Enough was enough, and my mission became to rid the world of this abiding heresy or debunk my idol. Ironically, while doing research I found commentary by historians, mathematicians, an astronomer and even public relations flacks. But, except for some cryptic comments by Bernt Balchen, I found nothing published by a professional aviator. What follows is my effort to right the situation.

Most analyses agonize over the celestial observations Byrd provided the National Geographic Society, or scrutinize the flight record he gave the navy. Both are exercises in futility. Byrd did not keep an in-flight log worthy of the name and the data he did provide could have been calculated at any time. Also, given the known cumulative errors in the navigation techniques he used the trip was little more than a math quiz given under extremely unpleasant conditions. A better approach is to answer two questions. Was Byrd the type man who would make a false claim and allow that claim to take on a life of its own? Was the airplane he flew capable of making the flight?

RICHARD EVELYN BYRD

In grade school when I read that young Byrd was sent alone at the age of 12 to visit one of his father's ex-law partners I thought, "what an adventure, what a lucky boy!" Today, with children and grandchildren of my own, "Dick's Excellent Adventure" seems more like checkbook child abuse as is evident from his academic career. He bounced from Shenandoah Valley Academy to the Virginia Military Institute to the University of Virginia to the U.S. Naval Academy between 1904 and 1908.

His early naval career is equally lackluster. On graduation from Annapolis in 1912 he joined the fleet where he served on the USS Kentucky from July 12th until September 25th when he was reassigned to the USS Wyoming. Richard aggravated an existing athletic injury, and, after a period of recovery, was assigned to the USS Missouri in September of 1913. In 1914 he was assigned to the USS Washington. In 1915 he was assigned to the USS Dolphin, the secretary of the Navy's yacht. Also in 1915 he was re-assigned to the presidential yacht, USS Mayflower. Therefore, it is not surprising that he failed of promotion and retired in March of 1916.

With the onset of World War I, Richard applied for and was granted the status of "retired officer on active duty." In August of 1917 he became a naval aviation cadet at Pensacola Naval Air Station where he received Naval Aviator wings in May of 1918 and remained for two months investigating accidents and instructing in navigation. In July of 1918 Byrd went to Halifax, Nova Scotia to command a squadron of seaplanes called flying boats. The war ended November 11, 1918.

In 1921 Byrd was selected to navigate the British-made dirigible ZR-2 from England to the United States. Somehow, he missed a train and missed the flight. ZR-2 crashed killing all hands. Missing a troop movement has gotten better men court marshaled, but not our hero. It seems his family connections and status as "retired on active duty" shielded him from censure. For reasons best known to the naval hierarchy, Byrd was consulted as an expert witness on aerial navigation matters during the ZR-2 investigation.

Despite a Congressional Medal and flag rank the man never held a major command. Projects such as High Dive and Deep Freeze that traded on being "under the leadership of famed arctic explorer Richard E. Byrd" were actually commanded by someone else. Byrd unquestionably was a man who enjoyed popular adulation and was not concerned with having earned it.

Was Byrd the type man who would have made a false claim and allowed that claim to take on a life of its own? Yes.

A FOKKER NAMED JOSEPHINE FORD

For the flight from Spitzbergen, an island north of Norway, to the pole Byrd chose a Fokker F.VIIA-3m equipped with three Curtiss/Wright J-4 radial engines. J-4 Whirlwind engines produce 200 horsepower at 1,800 rpm. At 65% power they produce 130 horsepower and burn between 11.5 and 15 gallons of fuel an hour.

The Fokker F.VIIA-3m that Byrd flew on his North Pole mission.

According to Fokker, the F.VIIA-3m had a maximum gross weight of 7921 pounds, an empty weight of 4,730 pounds and carried a useful load of 3,191 pounds of which a maximum of 1,200 pounds could be devoted to 200 gallons of fuel carried in wing tanks. Byrd removed the passenger seats and installed two 110-gallon fuel tanks in the fuselage. He further augmented Josephine Ford's 420-gallon internal fuel capacity with 195 gallons of gasoline in 39 five-gallon cans carried in the cabin. With these modifications Byrd claimed a fuel burn of 27 gallons per hour giving a 22-hour endurance. Both Fokker and Curtiss/Wright put the figure at 34.5 gallons per hour giving a 17.8-hour endurance.

How fast was Josephine Ford? The commercial version had a top speed of 85 knots and cruised at 78 knots. Two factors significantly reduce this cruise speed for the North Pole flight. First, the wheels were replaced with skis. No data are published concerning the F.VII-3m's performance on skis, however, years of experience by bush pilots confirms a 10% to 12% reduction in cruise airspeed when skis are substituted for wheels. The Fokker's cruise airspeed could have been no more than 70 knots (78 knots - 10%= 70.2 knots).

Second, the plane was seriously overloaded. Start with an empty weight of 4,730 pounds then add: 3,690 pounds of fuel, 195 pounds for the gasoline cans, at least 400 pounds of emergency equipment and food and two aviators at 170 pounds each. That runs the takeoff weight up to at least 9,355 pounds or 18% over maximum gross. Using the half/whole rule of thumb the best Bennett could have gotten from Josephine Ford was a 9% decrease in cruise and an 18% increase in fuel consumption. (63 knots and 40 gallons of fuel per hour)

Using a best case scenario of 70 knots true airspeed and 34.5 gallons per hour fuel consumption the no-wind round trip time to the pole and back would have been at least 21 hours or 3.2 hours more than the total fuel on board. It was physically impossible for that airplane with that load to have flown to the North Pole and back.

Was the plane he flew capable of having made the flight? No.

THE EVENT

Byrd had promised his backers success. Failure, or worse, was certain.

Ice floes all look the alike. Bennett had no way of knowing if the plane had reached the pole. Nobody would question them at Sptizbergen. With or without Floyd Bennett's prior knowledge, Byrd decided to go home while they still could. Sometime before reaching New York Byrd doctored his paper trail enough to justify his claim. By the time SS Chantier arrived in New York the lie had been published over the entire world was an accepted a fact.

There is no way to know who knew the truth and who didn't. Honorable men who should have acted stood still- or worse. Very soon, the truth could not be told or even hinted at. Influential people and institutions would have been embarrassed. The deception had a life of its own. The rest, as they say, is history.

Given the tenor of the times did it matter whether the flight actually made it to the pole with Global Positioning System accuracy? America's national prestige was felt to depend on beating Amundsen to the pole. We wanted and intended to have a world-class hero. Byrd, spotted history, family connections and all, was available. Rich and powerful men were willing to compromise "for the greater good." The National Geographic Society's board validated the flight. And, New York City opened its "Canyon of Heroes."

Besides, who knew that in one year and thirty days Lindbergh's flight would provide the U.S. an exploit it could crow about and nobody could question.

The author has experience flying in both the Arctic and Antarctic and is currently Chief Pilot for New England Airlines and Southeastern New Field Director for the Seaplane Pilots Association.

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Arts & Entertainment

CAB'S ADIDAS

Rap legends and trailblazers RUN DMC to play Annex

By Sarah Byrne '00
GUEST WRITER

Break out your Cazelle glasses, layer on the fat, gold chains and take the laces out of your Adidas tennis shoes because the original Kings of Rap, Run-D.M.C., are coming to the Annex next Saturday night.

Run-D.M.C., the first rap act to receive airplay on MTV, has been credited with popularizing hip-hop and influencing contemporary rap-rock cross-over groups such as the Beastie Boys, Kid Rock, and Limp Bizkit. The trio – Joseph "Run" Simmons, Darryl "D.M.C." McDaniels, and turntablist Jason "Jam Master Jay" Mizell – began their musical odyssey with the 1983 release of the single "It's Like That" (Profile Records), a top twenty hit on the R&B charts. Their thick, heavy drum beats, blunt, back-and-forth rhymed lyrics, and heavy metal samples give Run-D.M.C. a style all their own.

Their self-titled first album debuted in 1984, followed closely by *King Of Rock* in 1985. But it wasn't until the release of their third album, *Raising Hell* (1986), that Run-D.M.C. went mainstream. Hit singles "My Adidas," "You Be Illin'," and "It's Tricky" propelled *Raising Hell* to reach number one on the R&B charts, enter into the top ten on the pop charts, and go multiplatinum. *Raising Hell* also featured one of the group's most well-known songs, a remake of Aerosmith's

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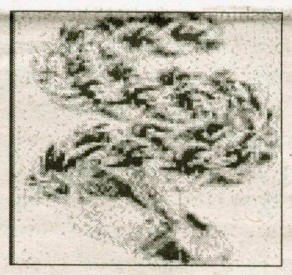
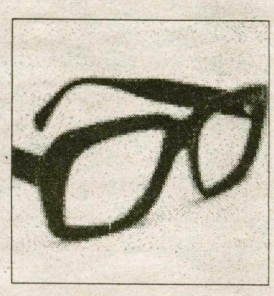
Rap legends RUN DMC will strut their stuff in the Annex .

"Walk This Way" with Steven Tyler and Joe Perry. The song, which hit number four on the singles chart, made Run-D.M.C. the first group to successfully mate rock and rap. The success of *Raising Hell* also earned Run-D.M.C. a place on the cover of *Rolling Stone*, yet another first for hip-hop artists.

The group released their fourth album, *Tougher Than Leather* and a film of the same name in 1988. The album went platinum, but the film bombed. *Back From Hell* (1989) was Run's first album not to go platinum. By the late 1980s the rap scene had changed, and fans were craving the hardcore political rap of groups like Public Enemy. Run-D.M.C.'s popularity waned in the late 1980s and early '90s, but the group was not ready to abandon the hip-hop scene. Their 1993 release *Down With the King*, which featured guest appearances and production assistance from groups including Naughty by Nature and A Tribe Called Quest, put the group back on the charts at number seven.





Run-D.M.C.'s latest project, *Crown Royal*, was slated for release in 2000, but the release date has been pushed back indefinitely. The album is rumored to feature collaborations with Nas and Prodigy, Method Man, Kid Rock, Aerosmith, Sugar Ray, Fat Joe, Fred Durst of Limp Bizkit, and former House of Pain front-man, Everlast. Run-D.M.C.'s label, Arista, has been arguing with Kid Rock's and Fred Durst's respective labels (Atlantic and Interscope) over the release of tracks they recorded with Run-D.M.C. as singles. Without a single to release to promote the new album, Run-D.M.C. will most likely return to the studio to record another track.

Seventeen years after the release of their first single, hip-hop legend Run-D.M.C. is still thrilling audiences all over the world. The group is currently engaged in a college tour . Run-D.M.C. will be performing at Hamilton College on Saturday, April 22 at 8 p.m. in the Annex. Tickets are on sale now through the Campus Activities Board. For more information call 859-4515.

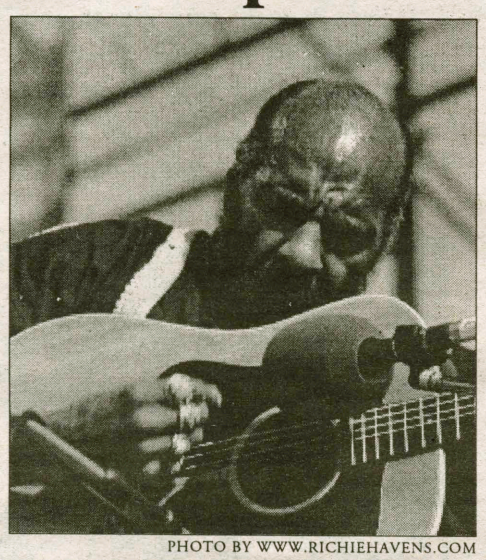
Richie Havens and opener Sam Shaber to play the Barn

By Matt Olney '01
A&E EDITOR

Richie Havens has dazzled the world with his music for more than three decades. Beginning in Greenwich Village during the 1960's, his forceful voice brought him to Woodstock in 1969 where he received worldwide acclaim. Similar to Ben Harper, who performed here in February, Havens conveys messages of brotherhood, freedom, and social consciousness. He has a blues/folk sound, and gives moving interpretations of artists like Bob Dylan, Kris Kristofferson, and Sting. His words are poetic and he has electrified audiences from Woodstock in 1969 to the Presidential Inauguration in 1993.

Concerning themes running through his music, Havens says, "We're all in a struggle most of the time. We're struggling against ourselves, because we've never been properly educated about how to deal with common, normal things. Becoming independent starts with realizing what is controlling you. Then you struggle to break free. Once you achieve independence, you won't allow yourself to go back."

Opening for Havens is Sam Shaber, a newcomer to Hamilton College. A 1994 graduate of Cornell University, Shaber currently makes her home in New York City, where she just self-produced her latest al-



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Richie Havens jamming on his guitar.

bum, "perfecT", on Brown Chair Records. The album has been getting airplay across the country and was recently voted #7 out of 1800 titles for the Best Independent CD of 1999 at CD Baby.com.

Shaber has been touring worldwide, from San Francisco to Scotland, and has performed in well known sites such as Bluebird Cafe in Nashville, Eddie's Attic in Atlanta, Club Passion in Cambridge, the 12 Bar Club in London, England and the Living Room and the Bitter End in New York City. Aside from Richie Havens, Shaber has opened for or shared the stage with other known musicians like Patty Larkin, Freedy Johnston, Vance Gilbert, Barbara Kessler, Disappear Fear, and Buckethead. She has also appeared on a number of radio stations, including WERS in Boston, WXPN in Philadelphia, and even the award-winning WDST in Woodstock, NY.

This summer, Shaber was a finalist in the New Artist competition at the Sierra Songwriters Festival, and has also been invited to perform at the 2000 Philadelphia Music Conference. Equally important to her performing is her writing. Shaber recently wrote two feature pieces on independent CD production for Musician magazine, and has also written for *Performing Songwriter, Inside New York,* and *Home Recording* magazines.

Most important to Sam Shaber is promoting the music of others. She has organized a number of songwriting showcases, including Makin' Waves I, II in New York City, the Yanks n' Beans series (featuring two New York bands and two Boston bands), and most recently Live From New York: It's Saturday Night! Shaber says, "Strengthening the community of singer-songwriters is very important to me."

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Sam Shaber, shown here in Colorado, plays this week.

Sam Shaber has promoted artists in a number of showcases. Give her work a try on April 20th when she opens for legendary musician and poet Richie Havens in the Fillius Events Barn.

Movie Reviews

Rules Of Engagement lacks passion and suspense

By Matt Olney '01

On paper *Rules Of Engagement* has it all: An interesting subject, big-time Oscar winning actors and an Oscar winning director (William Friedkin). Unfortunately, the movie as a whole is flat. The action is there, but with little suspense and a number of gaping holes in the story line.

The film begins in Vietnam where Officer Terry Childers (Samuel L. Jackson) and fellow officer and friend Hayes Hodges (Tommy Lee Jones) are fighting the Viet Cong. Hodges and his squad get ambushed and Childers, using unorthadox methods, is able to save Hodge from certain death.

The film cuts to Hodges, 28 years later, at his retirement party where he plans to fish for the rest of his life. Childers, still an active officer for the Marines, is choppered into a protesting Yemen where he is to help rescue the United States Ambassador (Ben Kingsley). During the rescue mission, the protest turns violent and a number of Marines are killed. Childers orders his Marines to open fire on the protesters, killing 83 and wounding over 100. After a long and sturring silence, the film shifts back to the United States where we find that Childers is being charged with killing innocent protestors. Childers asks the retired Hodges to defend him and a courtroom drama ensues.

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Samuel Jackson in action

Sound familiar? If you have seen *A Few Good Men*, it should. We have a lawyer in the shadow of his father's footsteps who defends a client he isn't sure is innocent (Childers in *Rules Of Engagement* and Tom Cruise in *A Few Good Men*). There is a likeable prosecutor (Guy Pierce in *Rules Of Engagement* and Kevin Bacon In *A Few Good Men*) who is just doing his job. Then there is the bad guy (National Security Advisor Bruce Greenwood in *Rules Of Engagement* and Jack Nicholson in *A Few Good Men*) who does everything in his power to destroy evidence and taint the court.

Unlike *A Few Good Men*, which is filled with action-packed suspense, *Rules Of Engagement* turns sour. For one, Tommy Lee Jones and Samuel L. Jackson don't visibly age a bit in the 28 years between the Vietnam War and the present day. They look old and beat up throughout the film. Second, characters are poorly developed. It is only mentioned once that Hodges has a drinking problem and is only touched upon that he hasn't lived up to his father's expectations. Furthermore, the Ambassador (Kingsley) is heroically rescued from Yemen and after a short court appearance, disappears from the film. Only his name resurfaces in the epilogue, as does his wife, played by Anne Archer, who is significantly underwritten.

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Jones surrounded by protesters in *Rules Of Engagement*

These problems seem innocent, but they soon add up and take away from the film's positives, like good action scenes, realistic military procedures and the intense scene where 83 protestors are killed. Aside from lackluster performances from the leading roles, Guy Pierce is excellent as the prosecutor, and Kingsley shines as the Ambassador as does Ann Archer as his wife.

Maybe the mistakes can be overlooked. If so, you will enjoy the action. If not, I suggest you rent *A Few good Men*.

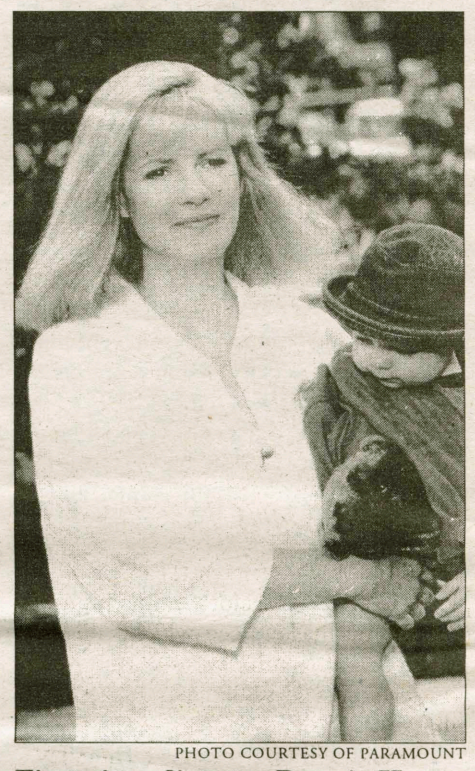
Bonnie Hunt writes and directs a gem in Return To Me

By Darcy Lewis '02

Bonnie Hunt is now a triple threat in the film industry. An exceptional character actor with great comic timing, Hunt (*Jerry Maguire, The Green Mile*) has moved up into the prestigious ranks of actors who have written, directed, and acted in their own films. Her new film, *Return to Me*, starring David Duchovny and Minnie Driver, is a truly unique romantic comedy. Hunt does a wonderful job of originating an almost fairytale world, and she recruits some heavyweight actors to help create her vision. Carroll O'Connor ("All in the Family"), Robert Loggia (*An Officer and a Gentleman*), James Belushi, and David Allen Grier (*Boomerang*) each support the main actors well. Hunt shapes a lovely, endearing comedy infused with real life humor, which is very hard to do in the romantic comedy genre.

The movie centers on the lives of Bob (Duchovny) and Grace (Driver), two people brought together by a very odd circumstance. Grace has just had a heart transplant, and it turns out the heart belonged to Bob's recently deceased wife. Though a little far-fetched, it is refreshing to see originality in the romance genre. Romantic comedies have been so overdone that writers often have to go to excessive lengths to make the formula seem new and fresh. Hunt does this well. The actors also contribute to the film, especially Duchovny and Driver, who inject genuine feeling into their characters. Duchovny actually acts, a bit of a change from "The X-Files," and he does it quite well.

This film explores the things in relationships and life that keep people apart, and ultimately bring them together. Both central characters are a little insecure and depressed, but, of course, they solve each other's problems. The film is somewhat predictable, because you know that everything will work out all right and the lovers will get together. Despite its predictability it is easy to let yourself be absorbed into the quaint little world these people inhabit. The movie is filled with flowers and great music (Sinatra, Dean Martin, and all the old greats), and the audience is infused with happiness. O'Connor and Loggia take particular joy in bringing their characters to life as two brother-in-laws, one Irish and one Italian, who own a restaurant named "O'Reilly's Italian Restaurant".



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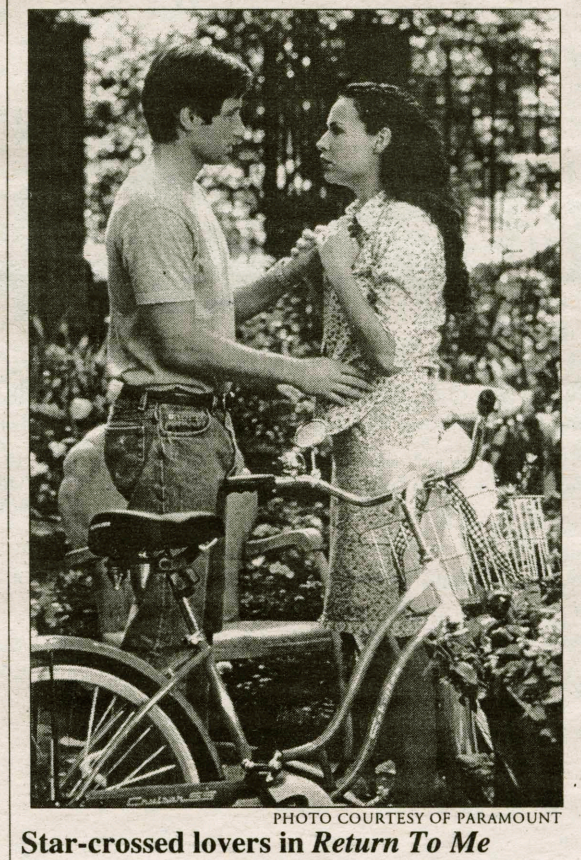
First-time director Bonnie Hunt.



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Star-crossed lovers in *Return To Me*

Return to Me is simple to follow and easy to enjoy, and happy movies are often a nice break from computer generated graphics. Sometimes a predictable movie is good, and the process of watching characters change for the better makes you feel good. If you are in that mood, this is the film for you.

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moe. to play the Landmark Theater in Syracuse

1999 was the year that moe. played to capacity audiences across the country. As a part of Woodstock '99, the band performed on the East Stage for over 40,000 people on the festival's opening afternoon. Throughout the summer, moe. played to sold out audiences at Berkeley's Greek Pavilion, Denver's Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Eugene's Cuthbert Amphitheater, and other venues as a part of the Summer Session tour with Galactic, Gov't Mule, the String Cheese Incident and Phil Lesh & Friends.

moe.'s solo touring feats included stands at venues such as Los Angeles' House of Blues, San Francisco's Fillmore Auditorium, Washington D.C.'s 9:30 Club, Boulder, CO's Boulder Theater, Burlington, VT's Higher Ground and Portland, OR's Crystal Ballroom. A four-night Northeast run culminated in a "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" themed Halloween at New York's Hammerstein Ballroom that featured live Oompa-loompas and music from the movie performed by the band. moe. then returned to its upstate New York roots with a New Year's Eve extravaganza titled the "moe.lleni um," which was celebrated by three nights of shows in Poughkeepsie, NY.

With its mix of rock, blues, country, bluegrass and jazz, moe. sparked national media attention with the release of Tin Cans & Car Tires, (Sony 550 Music). The fall '98 album release had publications such as Rolling Stone, Modern Drummer, Pro Sound News, MTV Online, Relix, Jambands.com, Guitar World, CMJ, Mix, EQ, Vintage Guitar Magazine, and E! Online lining up to laud moe. as one of the hottest acts in rock, including a stellar album review by senior music editor David Fricke in Rolling Stone's year-end "Albums that mattered in 1998" issue.

moe. will be playing at the Landmark Theater in Syracuse on April 14. Tickets are $18.50 in advance and are $22.00 at the door.

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Crew Team Makes Waves at Knect Cup

By Christopher LaRosa '03
NEWS LAYOUT EDITOR

The crew team's vigorous spring training efforts came to fruition this past weekend at the Knect Cup Regatta in Camden, NJ.

The men's 8 began its season with a gold medal and the women's 8 started strong with a second place finish.

The men's varsity 8 boat, comprised of captains Matt Damseaux '00 and Eric Jones '00 as well as rowers Patrick Joseph Mahoney '02, Steven Larson '03, Matt Houlihan '03, Keith Foster '03, Adam Schayowitz '03, and Andy Magoun '03, rowed to victory in the Division II/III category.

Coach Joe Bilyea was very enthusiastic about the team's victory, noting the relatively young composition of the boat, "Guys who were out on the water for the first time during the fall season are winning varsity events this spring. Having such strong rowing coming from first-year rowers is very encouraging and bodes well for the future of the program."

The Knect Cup marked Schayowitz, Foster, and Magoun's debut in both sprint races and varsity-level competition.

Reid Anderson '02, coxswain for the Men's 8, commented on their performance, "Those three rose to the challenge, and with the help of the two seniors at either end of the boat and the 3 experienced underclassmen, we were able to get out quick and stay there."

Anderson extended the team's usual starting sprint from an eighteen-stroke sequence to a twenty-eight-stroke sequence.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CREW TEAM

Members of the men's crew team relax after their race last weekend in Camden, NJ.

The starting sprint is arguably the most grueling and important segment of the race.

Of the ten stroke extension Anderson said, "they [the rowers] weren't to happy with it, but it got us an extra boat length of lead."

And lead is just what helped the crew to its victory. The rowers jumped ahead early and finished nine seconds ahead of their closest competition, The United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Anderson continued on the day's success, "This first place finish established the precedent we hope to carry through the rest of the season."

The men were not alone in their excellent showing at the Knect. The women's varsity 8 boat roared through the preliminary heats to place second in the finals. Bryn Mawr finished first with a safe 16-second lead.

However, the event's real excitement lay in a vicious battle for second between Hamilton and Lehigh. After a bow ball to bow ball battle for the first 1700 meters, rowers Liz Lamdin '03, Denise Yerger '01, Beth Hayes '02, Kate Wardwell '03, Lindsay Wellman '01, Darcy Lewis '03, and Kate Mcmullen '02 powered through the last 300 meters at the call of their coxswain Emily Dubow '02.

The women's last drive secured Hamilton a 1.5 second lead over Lehigh and a silver medal. Both the Men's Varsity 4 and Women's Lightweight Varsity 4, advanced to their respective final events and finished strong in fifth against fierce competition.

Hamilton's varsity entries in the Knect Cup were accompanied by a novice women's 8 and novice women's 4.

While the novice teams did not qualify for the finals, they did gain valuable racing experience competing in some of the harshest winds east of the Liberty Bell.

This Saturday and Sunday the Hamilton crew program looks forward to continuing it's success at the President's Cup Regatta hosted by Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Men's Lacrosse Defeats Skidmore at Home, 13-10

By Brent Lowinger '02
SPORTS WRITER

In their most important weekend to date, the Hamilton College men's lacrosse team went 1-1, splitting two home games with league rivals RPI and Skidmore.

The team looked good. The team looked bad. The important thing, however, is that the team won the game they were expected to and stayed close in the game that they were not.

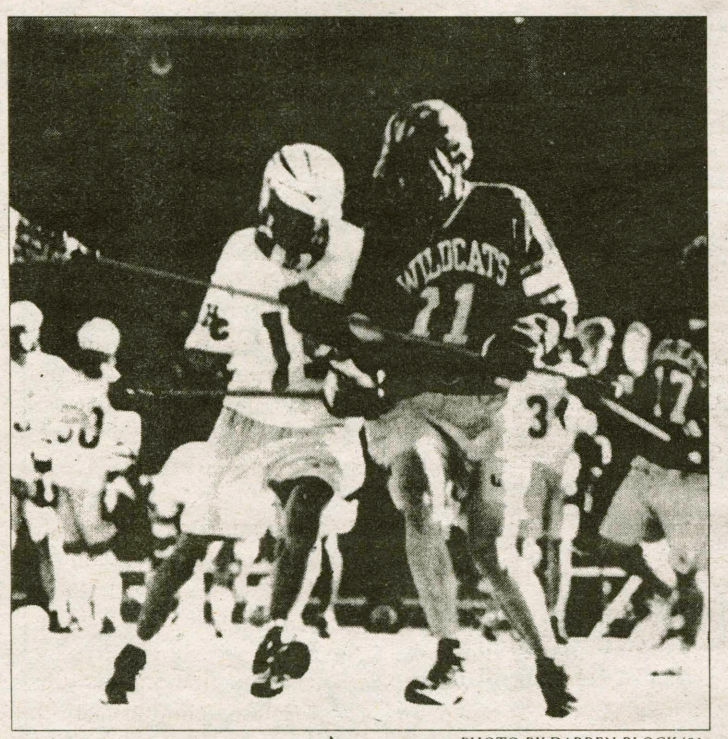

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

The men's lacrosse team defends the Love Rug against league opponents.

Friday's game versus RPI was billed as a big test for the Continentals.

They were facing the ninth ranked team in the country, and two of the top attackmen in Division III.

The Engineers of RPI jumped on the Continentals early with six quick goals.

Coach Gilmartin shared his opinion on the first half of the game; "I think we were intimidated by their ranking and all the press that their attackmen receive. We let them get on top of us early and then had to fight our way back."

Fight they did. The Continentals entered the second half down 9-3, but fought to within two goals late in the third quarter.

"We had them on the ropes," said Gilmartin.

"They burned both of their timeouts during the third quarter before rallying back in the fourth."

Hamilton ended up losing by a final score of 15-10, but proved that they could play with anyone as long as they stay focused and believe in themselves.

Brad Schwalm '02 led all Hamilton scorers with five points on four goals and one assist.

Special recognition goes to goalie Brad Wolcott '02 for a strong 23 save performance against a barrage of shots, many from point blank range.

Saturday saw the Continentals host league rival, 23rd ranked Skidmore.

"The Skidmore game was must win for us," said Schwalm. "We needed a big win after the loss on Friday, and our only hope to make it to the playoffs is to run the table the rest of the way."

Hamilton made the home crowd proud in the first half, taking a 10-5 lead into halftime behind the strong play of Matt Silverio '03.

Silverio bagged three of his game high four goals in the first half. The second half provided a cold streak in both the weather and the Hamilton offense.

The Continentals could muster only three goals in the second term, and the defense deserves much of the credit for holding on to win 13-10.

Harry Hristofaratos '02 and Phil Sambazis '03 both played well in the win. Hristofaratos had plenty to say after the game. "We should have beat them real bad."

He continued, "We came out flat in the second half and had to hold on to win the game. We can't play like that next weekend if we plan on winning both games...which we will."

That may be the most phenomenal news of the season thus far.

The Continentals, for the first time in recent years, are expected to sweep this weekend's games versus league opponents Clarkson and St. Lawrence.

Sambazis commented, "We expect to win both games over the weekend and we feel like we have a good chance of running the table the rest of the season. We have nine games left, and I don't think anyone on this team would be surprised if we go 9-0."

This is great news, not only for the lacrosse team, but also for an athletic department that appears to have a number of spring sports struggling to gain wins.

The men's lacrosse team is growing up quickly, and they may just be carrying the hopes of Hamilton College sports fans on their backs for the rest of the spring.

Scoreboard

Baseball
3-9
Softball
1-10
Men's Lacrosse
3-6
Women's Lacrosse
6-2
Men's Crew
1st Place in Knect Cup
Women's Crew
2nd Place in Knect Cup

Fifth Place Finish for Men's Track

By Emily Scursso '02
SPORTS WRITER

As rain, sleet, and snow bombarded athletes at the UCAA Track and Field Championships this past Sunday at St. Lawrence University, Hamilton gave a solid performance despite the unfavorable conditions.

Competing in submerged lanes and icy temperatures, Hamilton battled against state powerhouses for a chance at the conference title.

Not only did rain drench the meet, but bad luck did as well.

In addition to inclement weather and track flooding, the automatic timing equipment broke down, forcing officials to the less accurate method of timing by hand.

Although Hamilton came in forth place with 85 points behind Union (87 pts.), St. Lawrence (203 pts.), and RPI (258 pts.), they remained tough and focused in spite of the weather.

Jeff Garte '00 commented, "It was clear by the end of the meet that the people doing well weren't necessarily the best runners, they were the one's who could tough it out and get a little crazier than the rest of the field."

This determination resulted in many notable performances.

Ryan Palmitesso '03 led the field events performers earning All-UCAA honors in the high jump with a jump of 6'00.75 ft.

Other top field event performers included Sam Paquin '00 (third in discus throw), Dimitry Maurice '03 (fourth in long jump, fifth in triple jump), Co-captain Jeff Needham '00 (fourth in hammer throw), and Darren Block '01 (fourth in javelin).

Assistant coach John Hartpence commented, "The field event performers really came through for the men. As a whole it was probably the best performance from our field athletes this year, indoors or out."

Running in ankle-deep water at times, the runners also had several notable performers.

Scott Taylor '01 placed third in the 1,500m followed by Paul Jones '03 (fourth overall) and Sam Brown '01 (fifth overall).

In the 5,000m, Mac Weiss '02 finished fifth followed by John Damaske '02 (sixth overall).

Not only did Weiss and Damaske run in the rain, but, as the temperature dropped, sleet and snow fell during their race.

In the beginning of the 5,000m, Weiss said that his "competitors began laughing with one another and stomping the rain puddles."

Weiss also placed fourth in the 3,000m steeplechase.

Nate Arnold '03 and Steve Guditus '01 finished fifth and sixth respectively, in the 10,000m.

Ryan Murelli '02 and Taylor finished third and fourth respectively in the 800m and Mike Thompson '03 placed fifth in the 400m.

Hamilton came home with much more dufflebags full of soaked clothing and snow in their spikes.

Though they did not win, the team left with the knowledge that they can compete with some of the top teams in the state.

The Continental's next meet is next weekend when they travel to Rochester for the Rochester Invitaional.

Toth Returns for Women's Track

By Roy Sabo '00
SPORTS WRITER

Rarely is a day seen when conditions allow for miracles to happen and champions to be made.

Sure enough, this past Saturday was not one of these days as a torrential downpour drenched all hopes of weather better suited to competing.

Nonetheless, the women's track and field team courageously fought through the elements and showed the competitive edge that they displayed throughout the indoor season.

The women got off to a great start on the track as Ann Toth, '02, in her first meet since an injury shortened her indoor season, won the 5,000m run with a time of 18:21.3.

Sue Ferranti '03, shortly after the 5000m race, was overheard encouraging her teammates, saying, "The puddle of water covering the track is kind of like a gigantic 'slip-and-slide,' except you don't get to slide and it's really cold."

In the 1500m, Maggie Hanson '02, and Jen Cammarano '03, intimidated opponents with their aggressive running style and placed 1st and 3rd to show for it.

Amanda Chase '03, and Cammarano took 2nd and 3rd in the 800m, while Hanson and first year Isabel Ezrati placed 2nd and 6th in the 3000m to round out the distance events.

In the sprints, Kate Clark '02, and Julie Elmuccio '03, finished 2nd and 4th in the 100m hurdles with times of 16.5 and 17.2, respectively.

Roxanne Hoek '03 placed 3rd in both the 100m and 200m, and captain Lynn Myrth '01.

In the 400m, Christina Freyre '02, and Tricia Kowalkski '03, pulled in at 2nd and 7th, respectively, while in the 400m hurdles, Andrea Stroud '03 and Clark placed 4th and 5th, respectively.

Clark, while wringing water out of her uniform, claimed that "going over those hurdles was like landing in the steeplechase pit."

Although the weather tried to convince them otherwise, the women's team proved their might by continuing their success in the field events.

Leading the way was UCAA Rookie of the Year Julie Elmuccio, who took 1st in the triple jump and 2nd in the long jump, and UCAA Field Athlete of the Year, Clark, who won the javelin throw, tied for second in the high jump and took 4th in the shot put.

For the throwing events, Sherri Hamlette '01 placed 4th in the hammer throw and 3rd in the shot. By the end of the meet, the women's team had accumulated 163 points, which earned them 2nd place overall.

Although they were not able to bring home the team championship, the women brought back many great performances. As well as Rookie and Field Athletes of the Year, there were also 10 All-UCAA qualifiers.

With these accomplishments in hand, the women's track and field team now has the confidence needed to perform well this weekend at the Rochester Invitational.

Tricia Kowalski summed up the team's feelings on the upcoming meet, "I hope it doesn't snow again."

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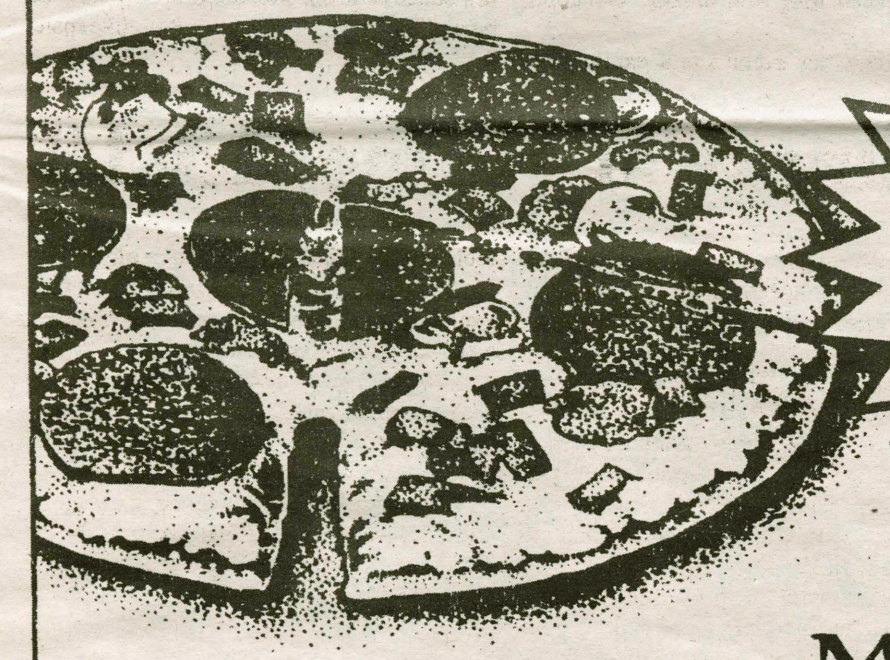

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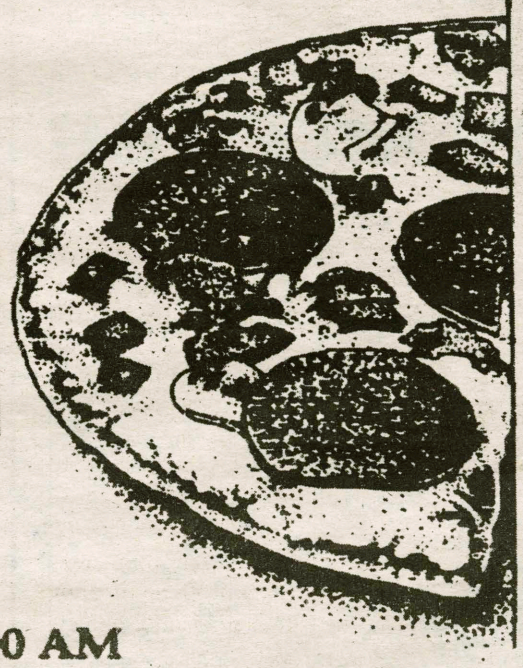

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Rugby Exiles Take Second at St. John Tourney

By Matt Glassman '00
Sports Writer

Last weekend the Hamilton Rugby Exiles traveled to Rochester for the prestigious St. John Fisher tournament, and placed second in the 12 team field.

Fighting miserable weather (40 degrees and pouring rain), miserable field conditions (ankle deep puddles and mud everywhere), the Exiles managed to turn in some fine play before finally losing to state powerhouse Brockport in the championship game, 15-0.

Co-captain Ethan Horvitz '00 commented, "We put together a fine effort this weekend, and I'm really proud of the guys for making it as far as we did considering the weather."

The tournament opened with the Exiles matched up in pool play with RIT and the Rochester Colonials, a men's club team.

After defeating RIT, the Exiles received a bye in the second round as the Colonials could not field a team due to injury and overall fatigue from the terrible weather.

This placed the Exiles in the semi-final contest against Hobart. However, the match was not scheduled for another two hours, and the pouring rain began to take its toll.

"Many teams were packing up and leaving the tournament, and we considered it for a while," said co-captain Ben Mann '00. "But in the end we decided we would stay and fight for the championship."

After the long wait, the Exiles took the field against Hobart, primed for some action.

Off a lineout barely a minute into the contest, scrumhalf Dan Egan '03 slung the ball out to the backs, where the veteran tandem of Matt Glassman '00, Brian Murphy '01, Ben Mann '00, and Ben Myers '00 took care of business and pumped in a try for a 5-0 lead.

Slick passing allowed Myers to break free on the wing and score without being touched. Andrew Orzel '00 added the kick after for a 7-0 lead.

Barely five minutes later, the pack drove down the field and set up a fantastic ruck, which once again allowed the backs to work the ball out to Myers, who once again broke the corner and scored. Orzel added the kick for a 14-0 lead.

Murphy commented, "We were clearly the better team and they knew it. The two quick tries demoralized their back line, and from there we coasted to the victory."

The second half saw much of the same, as the pack, led by Drew Viscomi '01 and Australian Tom Hare '03, controlled the tempo of the game. Mann added a late try and the team eased into a satisfying 21-0 victory.

The Exiles then advanced to the championship game against SUNY- Brockport, which has been a rugby powerhouse in the northeast since the 1970's.

Soaking wet and freezing cold, the Exiles took to the pitch just as the storm gathered intensity.

Midway through the first half, it had become impossible to distinguish Brockport's jerseys from the Exiles' jerseys.

Flanker Pete Shelton '00 commented "I felt like I was at Woodstock '94 again."

Unfortunately, this problem led to a Brockport try, as miscommunication led to an errant pass near the Exile goal line.

The pass was intercepted by a Brockport packie, who rumbled in for a 5-0 Brockport lead. Tight play and some solid defense kept the score the same until the half, and the Exiles were satisfied with their effort.

Horvitz said, "I thought we put a scare into them. Playing one of the top D1 teams in the state, we felt good about being within striking distance at the half."

The strike never came, however, as the Exiles missed some chances in the second half, and eventually got worn down by Brockport's impressive pack play.

The final score was 15-0, Brockport. Beaten, but by no means routed, the Exiles took pride in their second place finish.

Orzel commented, "We showed some real determination by sticking out this weather and making the championship game. I'm proud of the guys."

Saturday the team travels to Newport, RI for the Beast of the East tournament. Next week you'll have the chance to watch some championship rugby, as the Exiles return home to host local competition from Colgate and Hobart.

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NBA				
New York at Cleveland 4/15	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks
Utah at San Antonio 4/15	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs
Orlando at Miami 4/16	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat
Chicago at Toronto 4/16	Raptors	Raptors	Raptors	Raptors
Indiana at Detroit 4/16	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers
Sacramento at Portland 4/16	Trailblazers	Trailblazers	Trailblazers	Trailblazers
MLB				
Oakland at Boston 4/15	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox
Kansas City at NY Yankees 4/15	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees
Seattle at Toronto 4/15	Mariners	Blue jays	Mariners	Blue Jays
Houston at San Diego 4/15	Astros	Astros	Astros	Astros
St.Louis at Colorado 4/15	Cardinals	Rockies	Cardinals	Rockies
Baltimore at Minnesota 4/16	Orioles	Orioles	Orioles	Orioles

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Woods Struggles As Singh Claims First Green Jacket

I'll take the blame for Tiger's "miserable" fifth place finish at the Masters last weekend. I foolishly predicted a second green jacket for Mr. Woods, and took some hard shots from the peanut gallery during the week for my bad call.

However, I got the most flack for my harsh words about the Mets. Well, more is on the way this week — read on.

Anyhow, as usual, here are some thoughts on happenings around the sporting world:

MATT GLASSMAN

Riding the Pine

Singh-ing a victory song- Vijay Singh conquered the Masters last weekend, and I thought the final round was very entertaining. After finishing his delayed third round on Sunday morning, Singh brought plenty of composure and confidence to the course in the afternoon's final round.

The competition was sharp and held some interesting possibilities, at least enough to keep me interested, with David Duval and Singh slugging it out for the lead, Ernie Els and Loren Roberts within striking distance, and Woods making an early charge on the front nine to put himself in contention.

For most of Sunday I figured on a playoff or a tight finish on 17 and 18 between Singh and Duval, but Duval's gully shot on 13, followed by missed birdie opportunities on 15 and 16, cost him any chance of catching up.

Singh's steady play on the back nine showed just how seasoned a veteran he is. He showed tremendous poise playing from the lead on golf's most pressure filled afternoon of the year.

His first green jacket is his second victory in a major, the other being the PGA in 1998. Singh goes quite unnoticed among many fans, despite being the fourth leading money-winner in 1999.

Busted, again - The NFL got another legal headache it didn't need this week, as Packers star Mark Chmura was arrested on charges of sexual assault on a 17-year-old girl.

According to facts, none of which Chmura currently denies, he was invited to a "party", where he later served alcohol to the minor in question, and then proceeded to "have sex with her in the bathroom."

Now, I'm usually willing to give professional athletes the benefit of the doubt until the facts and the courts show otherwise, but this is ridiculous. Mark Chmura is a 31-year-old married man, with two children.

What is he doing at a house that contains a "party" with a bunch of teen-agers? Professional athletes can end up surrounded by the wrong people, but you have to go pretty far out of your way to get into the kind of situation in which Chmura found himself. Just plain dumb if you ask me.

And could the timing be worse for the NFL, after what seems like an endless string of murders, drug abuses, and assaults this past year? What sort of league policy could possibly induce players not to go to "parties" and serve 17-year-old girls vodka?

Anyone dumb enough to do that is also too dumb to follow the rules, no matter how harsh the penalty. Look for the league to try and address these problems in the offseason, with little success.

Aces (or not) in the hole - In continuing my thesis from last week on the fortunes of the Mets and Red Sox this season, I ask you only to look at the first two starts of each team's supposed ace.

Pedro Martinez was once again phenomenal in both of his starts, striking out 10 or more each time and cruising to 2-0 with a .66 ERA. The Mets' "ace", Mike Hampton, got shelled twice, walking 12 batters in only 10.2 innings on his way to an 0-2 start.

Thank goodness for the Mets that Rick Reed looks like the real deal again, or their boat (as well as Bobby V's) may have sunk before leaving the harbor. It's almost painful to say, and I know it is early, but the Mets could really use Roger Cedano back right about now. They really need a spark.

Look for them to make some quick moves if things don't get better in the next two weeks. After all, this team is supposed to be in the Series, right? Whatever.

The Red Sox can be assured some meaningful fall play if they could just find some mediocre pitching to compliment Pedro, either from their current staff, the minors, or some trades.

Look for it to happen. I bet Ramon bounces back well from his dismal first start and they get some surprises from the young guys.

Mark it down - Baseball is going to die a quick death in Canada if the Expos and Jays continue with their present problems. Lack of local TV and radio coverage will kill any team, much less unpopular ones playing unpopular sports. Look for the league to step in soon if problems persist.

Final Words - Ken Griffey, Jr. hit his 400th home run this week, making him the youngest player to achieve that feat...

Bob Costas' new book on baseball is worth a read. It lays out some reasonable plans to fix the money problems and get the playoff races back on legitimate grounds. Plus, it is really well written...

McDermott, Pogonowski Lead Softball

By Brenna Chiaputti '02
SPORTS WRITER

The Continentals were exiting the field this past Saturday as another torrential down pour came roaring down.

Luckily, their two games at Union were moved up a few hours or the softball team would have once again this season been at the mercy of the weather gods.

Union triumphed in both games, 8-1 and 13-7. Their first game versus Union was not the team's best performance to date.

Although Abby McDermott '01 scored a homerun in the first inning, there was not much other scoring.

In the third inning, Korey O'Malley '01 led off with a double. Cara Brendler '00 and Erin Thorkelson '02 bunted singles to follow.

This put the team in good position to have the bases loaded with one out, but Brendler got caught between third and home and instead the Continentals found themselves with runners on first and second with two outs.

"This was a huge turning point in the game," said Coach Keller. "If we had been in the position at that point of having the bases loaded with one out the game could've turned out completely differently."

Defensively, the team did not put on a bad show, considering that Union is one of the tougher teams on the schedule.

The team received some redemption offensively in the second game with 7 hits and 7 runs. What plagued Hamilton was that only the beginning of the batting order was producing.

O'Malley had two doubles. Thorkelson had two singles. McDermott came up big again with a double and a triple and Karen Pogonowski '02 also had a double. "

"If you look at our score sheet compared to Union's you can see what the difference was in this game. Our top four people got all of the hits but we weren't getting the production out of the rest of the line-up. But if you look at Unions they're shaded in top to bottom," says Keller.

However, Keller does notice improvement in the team's play. The team was getting "more extra base hits than we have been getting. Six extra is much better production in terms of power-hitting."

Alternating pitchers was also effective against Union. Pogonowski started the game, and Thorkelson came in for a couple innings to shake Union up a bit. Pogonowski returned to finish the game.

Last week Coach Nizzi emphasized the importance of the pitchers being strong and healthy.

Nizzi added, "Switching up our pitchers was also helpful for us."

Keller added, "Once they got use to Pogonowski's pitching we put in Thorkelson. Once they got use to her Pogonowski returned. They kept having to adjust."

However what Keller was most impressed with was the team's persistence.

In the fifth inning, the Continentals were down 13-3.

Keller commented, "When they felt the threat that the 8- run rule might come into effect [McDermott] called the team over and asked them what they wanted to happen in the game."

The team answered with four runs that inning and held Union at 13. Enough said.

This Saturday, the Continentals are scheduled to play Hartwick at home, weather provided.

On the 19th they play at home again against Utica College. When asked if the team was frustrated by the last two losses

Nizzi replied confidently, "If the girls focus on the fact that the first three games we played were against the best teams in the league, then we should be all right."

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Junior Abby McDermott's homerun was not enough to insure a win for the Continentals.

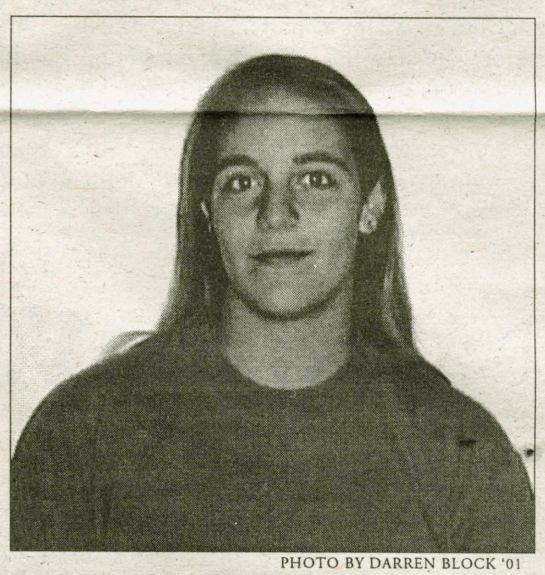

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Karen Pogonowski '02 is one of the UCAA's top pitchers and hitters.

Baseball Drops Two to R.P.I.

By Art McCann '00
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Since returning from Texas over spring break, the men's baseball team has had only one opportunity to measure themselves against another opponent. Last Saturday, the sun came out in Troy, NY and the Continentals rolled up their sleeves for two games against nationally ranked UCAA powerhouse Rensselear Polytechnic Institute.

The long layoff, however, coupled with R.P.I's firepower, proved to be way too much for the less than primed Conts, who had not seen an opponent in over two weeks.

R.P.I. defeated Hamilton 19-5 and 25-5. Standout Brian Grady '00 remarked, "It was tough to have to play the UCAA's best team in our first game. But, we did not play very well either."

Coach Mike Davis agreed with Grady. He said, "The layoff really hurt our pitchers. Also, we tried moving Brian from first base to third base. He hasn't played third in years. These kinds of changes are tough to adjust to in the first conference game of the season."

Nevertheless, both Grady and Davis refused to make excuses. Both feel that the team cannot afford to make sloppy mistakes that lead to unearned runs and long innings. Unfortunately, no one knows when Hamilton will have a chance to redeem themselves.

Sunday's twin bill at Skidmore was snowed out and has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 26th. With this week's snow, Hamilton's players and fans are frustrated and anxious to start playing some games. Hopefully, the skies will clear and the sun will come out. If such is the case, the Continentals will be playing four home games this weekend. Saturday's contests will be against Utica College, and Sunday Hamilton plays host to Hartwick College.

Sports

Murphy Resigns as Athletic Director

FROM STAFF REPORTS

President Eugene M. Tobin has announced that Thomas E. Murphy, athletics director at Hamilton College since 1980, will leave that post at the end of the 2001-2002 academic year to devote more time to the Continental's men's basketball program and o special athletics projects.

David Thompson, men's and women's swimming coach at Hamilton for the past 17 years, will be given additional responsibilities as associate director of athletics, a new position, effective July 1 and will become athletics director on July 1, 2002.

"Hamilton is grateful for the many years of dedication and service Tom Murphy has provided to the college and its student - athletes," said President Eugene Tobin. "I am delighted he will stay on for two years to provide a smooth transition for the department."

Tobin said the July 1, 2002, transition date coincides with the time when Hamilton will begin playing a full New England Small College Athletic Association (NESCAC) schedule in all sports.

"As Hamilton and NESCAC move to strengthen their relationship," Murphy said, "this decision provides an opportunity for someone to become acclimated to the new structure that will be in place for years to come. I will look forward to assisting Dave Thompson over the next two years and to devoting more of my time to the men's basketball program."

"Dave Thompson will benefit from the solid foundation Tom Murphy has built as we move toward a new level of athletic competition for our students," Tobin said.

"I am pleased that someone of Dave Thompson's integrity, vision and commitment to the high ideals of the student - athlete philosophy espoused by NESCAC and Hamilton College will lead us as we approach this important time important time in our athletic history."

Murphy joined the Hamilton community in 1970 as head men's basketball coach. He was named director of athletics and chair of the Department of physical Education in 1979, one year after the merger of Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges.

At the time, Hamilton sponsored 11 varsity teams for men (baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis and track and field) and just seven for women (basketball, cross country, field hockey, lacrosse, swimming, tennis and track).

Today the intercollegiate athletics program has grown to 28 sports, 15 for men and 14 for women. A full program of intramural sports, club sports and physical education courses provides for the varied interests of the college's 1,700 students.

Murphy is probably best-known for the success of the Continental men's basketball team. During the three decades that he has guided the team, Hamilton has posted a 527-231 record, including winning recorded in each of the past 26 seasons and appearances in six straight NCAA Division III Tournaments.

The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) has recognized Murphy for his achievements numerous times. He was named NABC Division III Coach of the year in 1978 - 79 and 1990-91 and NABC East region Coach of the Year after the 1982-83 season. In August of 1998, Murphy was inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame. He is currently the chairman of the Division III Men's National Basketball Committee.

Murphy received his bachelor's degree in 1960 and his master's degree in 1961 from Springfield College. Prior to his arrival at Hamilton, he coached at Belleville (NY) High School, where his teams registered a national record of 83consecutive victories. Tom and his wife, JoAnn, live in Clinton and have two sons, both of whom graduated from Hamilton.

Dave Thompson recently completed his 17th season as head coach of the Hamilton swimming and diving program, and it may have been his best year ever. Both his men's and women's teams won the New York State championships, the first time a coach has guided both teams to the championship in the same year.

PHOTO COURTESY OF C&D

Tom Murphy will resign as Athletic Director effective in 2002.

The men's team also finished eighth and the women were 10th in the NCAA Division III Championship, their highest finishes ever. A 1980 graduate of Colgate University, Thompson was captain of the varsity swim team his senior year. He spent two seasons as an assistant coach at his alma mater and one year at Southwest Missouri State before arriving at Hamilton.

Along with his swim team responsibilities, Thompson is an associate professor and coordinator of physical education in Hamilton's physical education department.

Women's Lacrosse Wins Four Straight

By Chris Preston '03
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There were 25 seconds left in regulation and the situation was looking relatively bleak for the women's lacrosse team. With the game knotted at eleven, Hamilton's opponents, RPI, had a free shot on goal.

Continental goalie Nicole Cheatle '03 braced herself, knowing that if she made the stop then her team would have a chance to win the game in overtime.

What happened in the remaining 25 seconds was actually quite bizarre. Cheatle not only made an amazing save to preserve the tie but her teammate, Lauren Bruce '02, gathered in the rebound and was fouled.

Suddenly, the Continentals were in a favorable predicament and actually had a chance to win without going to overtime.

When play resumed, Bruce passed the ball to Caty Wakefield '01, who drove directly towards the goal and got off a decent shot with 12 seconds remaining. It went in.

"I was pretty psyched because I was almost positive we had clinched the win," said Wakefield. "I knew that all we had to do to win was get possession of the draw, which we did."

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, a jubilant Wakefield and her equally excited teammates began to celebrate what had now been a very successful weekend. Having won at Skidmore the day before, the Continentals completed a 2-0 weekend in what was an extremely crucial road trip for the team.

With their winning streak now extended to three games, the women's lacrosse team returned home to The Hill sporting an impressive 5-2 record. "So far we have found a way to win," said Coach Karen Hollands.

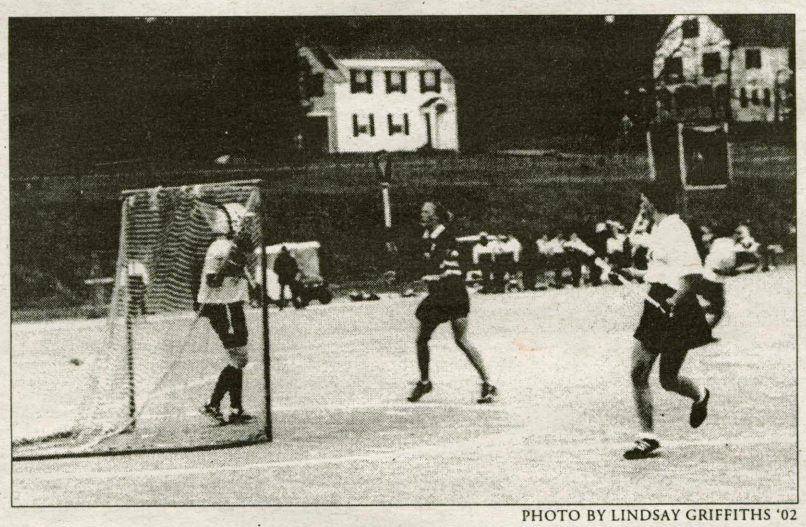

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Goalie Jess Asrican '01 and Azure Davey '00 lead the Continental defense against tough opponents.

They certainly found "a way" against Skidmore and RPI. Against Skidmore, a UCAA squad that is usually very competitive, the Continentals trailed 11-8 late in the second half.

Immediately, co-captain Sarah Gloo '01 stepped up and helped show her team the way to victory, as the Continentals mounted a furious comeback on their way to a 15-12 win.

All told, Gloo ended the day with an astonishing seven goals, and freshman Molly Plummer chipped in two. In the RPI game, Hamilton seemed to have control throughout but couldn't quite put the game away.

While Wakefield was the eventual hero, she had plenty of support from her teammates. Adrian Moseley '01 scored four goals in four attempts, co-captain Shannon Mercier '00 had a goal and four assists, and Plummer contributed three more goals.

Almost everyone played a part in the successful weekend, making sure that the Continentals would not lose. That trend continued this past Wednesday when the Continentals demolished a weak Oneonta squad, 22-3.

Once again, everyone contributed to the team's success. Gloo led the way once more with five goals, while Plummer and Mercier each scored three goals a piece. Jessica Asrican '01 was stellar in goal, making four saves. "We are very mentally tough," said Coach Hollands. "I think its because everyone is used to the rigors of being pushed hard in practice."

Wakefield agreed, saying, "We go into games and don't expect to come out of them without a win." This mentality is obviously working. Without becoming overly cocky, the Continentals exude a confidence that a championship team should have.

Maybe that's because a championship is exactly what they are aiming for. "We want to be a championship team," Coach Hollands bluntly stated. And why shouldn't they? With supreme depth, solid leadership from the upperclassmen, and a talented group of freshmen and sophomores, the Continentals have all the components that an aspiring championship team should have.

But perhaps what separates Hamilton from the other New York State teams is their innate ability to, as Hollands put it, "find a way to win."

Whether it means overcoming a three goal deficit or scoring a winning goal with time expriring, the Continentals have found their way. So come on out and see if the women's lacrosse team can find a new way to win this weekend, as they take on Clarkson